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Threat of new wave of strikes

POSTMEN DEFY COURT ORDER

Union ignored as 800 walk out

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE threatened disruption of postal services began yesterday when 800 staff at London's Mount Pleasant sorting office, the country's largest, defied a High Court injunction and walked out in protest at the introduction of new technology.

They ignored advice to stay at work from officials of their union after four men had been suspended for refusing to operate a new electronic letter-sorting machine.

Last night about three million items of mail were stranded at Mount Pleasant — mostly destined for addresses in South East England.

Mail going to London addresses is not handled at Mount Pleasant, but there will be delays on mail entering the country through Gatwick and Heathrow.

The Union of Communication Workers, to which all the Mount Pleasant workers belong and on which the court injunction was served by Post Office representatives earlier in the day, urged its members to resume normal working to avoid confrontation with the law.

Ballot has not been held

But last night the sorting office, which handles an estimated 21 million items a week, was at a virtual standstill.

The Post Office said the stoppage would have a "ripple effect" throughout the system.

Officials were assessing whether to try switching some mail to alternative sorting offices, weighing the risks of spreading the stoppage if they do so.

Lawyers were also examining the union's legal position in the light of the defiance of the court order.

This had been granted against the union executive yesterday morning by Mr Justice Otton.

During the private hearing Post Office lawyers argued that the threatened union action would be in breach of employment contracts because of its failure to hold a local ballot in accordance with the 1984 Trade Union Act.

The Union's general secretary, Mr Alan Tuffin, has called an emergency meeting of his 32-man national executive committee this afternoon to discuss a response to the injunction.

The executive will be preceded by a meeting of the 15-man Postal Committee of the union, which deals specifically with the affairs of its members in the mail service.

The committee is expected to recommend the executive to comply with the order and call a ballot among the 5,000 Mount Pleasant workers.

'Totally beyond our control'

Mr Bobby Devine, a member of the executive, said yesterday: "As a union our policy is to obey the laws of the land.

"What has happened at Mount Pleasant is spontaneous and totally beyond the control of our officials."

Mr Devine said the union's national officer for postal and sorting services, Mr John Taylor, had advised the men to go back so that today's meeting of the union executive is not compromised.

Mr Tuffin has also gone out of his way to emphasise publicly that the union is not seeking to defy the law.

He is acutely aware that if his union is found to be in contempt of the law it could face substantial fines—and sequestration of it assets if it declines to pay as happened in the case of the miners.

While the Communications union is generally regarded as a moderate union, it does have a strong Left-wing element and it was plain last night that militant factions among its membership were making determined efforts to firm up the Mount Pleasant action.

The complex, in the heart of London, was heavily picketed and union hard-liners were making plans for a round-the-clock stake-out to dissuade later shifts from reporting in.

However, a Post Office

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Two more pits to go says union

By JOHN RICHARDS and MAURICE WEAVER

PLANS to close two more South Wales pits without refering them to review procedures are being made by the Coal Board, the pit deputies union, Nacods, claimed last night.

The statement came on the day that leaders of the union decided to call a special delegate conference to discuss a ballot of members over a possible strike concerning the planned closure of Bedwas colliery also in South Wales.

After a three-hour meeting of the 10-man executive in Doncaster, Mr Peter McNestry, General Secretary, said they wanted further talks with the Coal Board.

They were demanding withdrawal of a statement last week which set aside consultations with unions over Bedwas in the aftermath of the 12 month NUM strike.

NCB visit

But later Mr McNestry said his coalfield staff had been told by local management that it wanted to shut the St John's Mine near Maesteg and the Nantgarw mine, Pontypridd, on economic grounds.

Information about these closure plans came following a visit to the St John's mine yesterday by Mr Clifford Davies, NCB deputy director in South Wales.

The Nacods officials said that Mr Davies had told them that the pit, which has a workforce of about 900, has been earmarked for early closure.

Mr McNestay said he had also been told that workers at Nantgarw were being consulted by management about whether they wished to take redundancy or transfer to another pit in the likely event of its imminent shut-down. Nantgarw has about 700 workers.

'Leak' confirmed

Mr McNestry said the news confirmed a Coal Board "leak" picked up by his South Wales area general secretary, Mr Glyn Jones, that a total of 10 pits in South Wales are destined for closure.

Mr McNestry said he had his executive known of the reports regarding St John's and Nantgarw they might have taken a harder line than the Bedwas delegate conference decision.

He added: "It confirms our worst fears. The board is riding roughshod over all agreements.

The Coal Board's personnel director, Mr Merrik Spanton, has said that the condition of some mines in the wake of the year-long NUM strike is so bad that decisions on their future cannot be delayed while the new modified review procedures are drawn up.

A Coal Board official said last night that he had no knowledge of closure plans but added that the St John's mine had been nominated for consideration under review procedures before the NUM strike began.

Meanwhile NUM pit delegates meeting in Sheffield today are expected to confirm that the national overtime ban which has been in operation since the miners rejected a 5·2 wage offer in November, 1985 should be ended.

The mass walk-out by Post Office workers at Mount Pleasant yesterday after four members of the staff had been suspended.

PICTURE: ZRDJA DRUCANOVIC

Lawson urges cut in interest rates

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

A CLEAR signal that the Government wants to see further cuts in interest rates was given yesterday by Mr Lawson, Chancellor, as the split among banks about lower borrowing costs continued.

Mr Lawson said that the recent strengthening of the pound against the dollar meant that the four per cent. rise in interest rates in January to maintain monetary discipline was no longer necessary.

And the Bank of England yesterday made its contribution to lower interest rates by pumping more cash into the banking system.

National Westminster and Lloyds have cut interest rates by 1 per cent, but Barclays and Midland have so far delayed the second ½ per cent cut, although are expected to follow shortly.

Fully justified

Mr Lawson, addressing 1,200 businessmen at an American Chamber of Commerce lunch in London, said: "The fall in interest rates in the past two weeks is fully justified."

He declared that Britain was no longer the "sick man of Europe" and was out-performing West Germany and France in growth, jobs, investment, productivity and exports.

Mr Lawson, in his first major speech since the Budget, drew applause when he said that the Government was "absolutely right" to resist to end the miners' strike "whatever the cost."

He said that the economy would bounce back from the strike and the "future is bright." Unemployment was still too high, but there were encouraging signs. Around half a million extra jobs had been created over the last two years and the prospects were for continuing growth in employment.

Sterling closed 1·40 cents down yesterday at $1·2215, and also eased fractionally against Continental currencies. The FINANCIAL TIMES Index ended the day with a loss of 0·5 at 965·8.

'PUT HOUSE IN ORDER' DONS URGED

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

A SHAKE-UP of the country's 44 universities is proposed in a report published today, which urges the Government to restore longer-term funding and tells universities to put their own houses in order.

The report of the committee, chaired by Sir Alex Jarratt, chairman of Reed International and chancellor of Birmingham University, finds the way decisions are taken at universities and the way they are financed in a state of confusion.

Sir Alex said last night that the Government would have to improve the funding methods. At present universities, like the rest of the public sector, are told just one year in advance how much they will receive in block grants with another two "indicative" years" where grants are estimated.

"I know we would be whistling against the wind to ask for a total change, such as a return to five-year planning, but a clear three-year horizon would be advisable instead of all this chopping and changing by the Government," Sir Alex said.

The report was welcomed by Mr Brooks, Minister for Higher Education, because it would help universities "pursue their goals within tight financial restraints," but the Association of University Teachers attacked it for its criticism of academic government and "job-for-life" guarantees for dons.

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SOVIET PLEDGE

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Mr Narasimha Rao, Indian Defence Minister, met Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Marshal Sergei Sokolov, Defence Minister in Moscow. Mr Gromyko said Moscow would continue to help strengthen India's economy and defence.

BRITAIN IN DOCK ON MILK BAN

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent in Luxembourg

THE Common Market Commission is to take Britain to the European Court over the ban on imports of fresh pasteurised milk which Britain insists is necessary to protect public health.

A decision against Britain could cause a major upheaval in the country's milk pricing and distribution.

It could effectively end the Milk Marketing Board's monopoly enabling the large dairy companies and supermarket chains, to threaten to buy from abroad if they consider they are being charged too much.

If the supermarkets use their buying power in this way, leading to greater sales, it could further undermine the costly but well-liked doorstep deliveries.

The Commission's move, announced yesterday follows a successful action in the European Court against a British ban on imports of ultra-heat-treated ("long-life") milk which Britain also argued was necessary on health grounds.

Fight action

The court ruled against Britain on this issue in February 1983, and in November 1983 imports began to arrive, although they still amount to little more than a trickle.

The British Government is to fight this latest action. Ministry of Agriculture officials made clear in Luxembourg yesterday.

Paradoxically, the ban on imports of fresh pasteurised milk is the result of the legislation Britain adopted in 1983, to comply with the European Court ruling on long-life milk.

Before then, it was theoretically possible to import milk, provided it was heat-treated (pasteurised) again and packed or bottled again in a British milk-processing plant.

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RAIL FRAUD CRACKDOWN

By Our Transport Correspondent

Plain-clothe ticket inspectors are to be put on London Southend line, trans to trap the large numbers of passengers known to buy second class tickets and then sneak into first-class accommodation.

"It is estimated that between £1 million and £3 million a year is lost in fraud on tickets out of Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street alone," said Eastern Region of British Rail.

MP RESCUED

Mr John Goldmie, Labour M.P. for Newcastle-under-Lyme, was rescued by an unknown angler when his boat capsized while fishing on a lake at Ringstead, Northants, yesterday.

Soccer faces ban on drinks

By DAVID MILLWARD

GOVERNMENT Ministers and soccer's administrators yesterday drew up a comprehensive package of measures intended to stamp out hooliganism at football matches.

At a meeting in 10 Downing Street, chaired by Mrs Thatcher, the key decision was to ban the sale and consumption of alcohol at "problem" grounds in England and Wales.

A new law will be rushed through Parliament to curb football violence, but it will not include a blanket ban on alcohol at all soccer and rugby grounds, as is the case in Scotland.

The decision where to apply the ban in England will be left to the Home Secretary.

More powers

Other measures agreed at yesterday's meeting—and to be detailed in a White Paper due out soon—were:

TOUGHER laws on crowd control, giving the police more powers;

THE COURTS to take a stronger line with violent thugs. Mrs Thatcher's view expressed at the meeting was: "It's got to be prison for violence."

A REVIEW of the guidelines on the licensing of football stadiums under the 1975 Safety of Sports Grounds Act. For their part the Football Association and the Football League agreed—at the request of Ministers—a six-point plan to stamp out violence. They will:

INSTALL more effective perimeter fencing around pitches;

SPEED UP the introduction of closed-circuit television to identify offenders;

INVESTIGATE the introduction of identity cards for fans, and report back to the Government within six weeks;

MAKE more matches ticket-only when trouble is expected;

OPEN more family enclosures—Mrs Thatcher made it clear she wants football to become a popular family entertainment again;

REVIEW the rules under which clubs must take extra precautions when crowd trouble is likely — and, possibly, to toughen sanctions against offending clubs.

The Prime Minister's personal

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31 PARAS HURT IN JUMP

By Our Toronto Correspondent

Thirty-one Canadian paratroopers have been injured in a 4,000-ft parachute drop on a night exercise with United States troops in New Mexico.

A Canadian forces spokesman said the air is thinner than in Canada and this might have caused them to fall faster than they expected.

Tougher L-test ahead for better motoring

By COLIN DRYDEN Motoring Staff

BRITAIN'S learner drivers could face a tougher driving test, said Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, and today a campaign is being launched to improve motoring standards.

Speaking at a Coventry banquet on Sunday to mark the L-test's 50th anniversary, Mrs Chalker said she was inclined to favour the testing of night driving ability and widening the test to include driving on dual carriageways at more than 50 mph.

Radical updating

Any changes in the test would be some way off, but there could be alterations because of the current talks with E E C countries on harmonising driving tests.

Mrs Chalker said that other nations might have to bring their standards of practical testing up to the British level which was "the best in Europe," but Britain might have to introduce theoretical testing.

However, a caimpaign is being launched today for a tougher driving test to improve motoring standards. The Driving Instructors Association said the current test, introduced 50 years ago, needed radically updating.

The D I A magazine DRIVING is today calling for:

LONGER practical driving tests, which would include extra manoeuvres, including reversing into a confined parking space;

TOUGHER eyesight tests carried out by a qualified optician;

A TWO-STAGE test in which a theoretical examination had also to be passed to avoid last-minute "swotting" on the Highway Code;

COMPULSORY training of learner drivers by professional instructors;

ENFORCEMENT of a year-old law requiring trainee driving instructors themselves to take a minimum of 40 hours compulsory training.

Mrs Chalker, who learnt to drive 20 years ago through an approved instructor who was formerly a bus driver, urged that women should not be taught to drive by their husbands.

"Get professional help to learn," she said. "Other people can assist, but if a husband teaches a wife the tension can be too much. It can ruin a perfectly good relationship."

'SINGING NUN' COMMITS SUICIDE

Jeanine [illegible], the former Dominican sister who made headlines in the 1960s as the "Singing [illegible]" was found dead at her home in Wavre, Belgium, yesterday. Police said she had committed suicide.

Deckers made a string of hits, the most famous of which, "Dominique," sold millions of copies worldwide and went to number one in the United States charts in 1965.

Friends of Deckers who was almost penniless when she died, had been upset when government spending cuts forced the closure of a children's home which she had been involved with. Reuter.

GREENHAM ARRESTS

Sixty women were arrested at Greenham cruise missile base yesterday as they stormed it in protest new trespass bye-laws.

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SCOTTISH RATES BILLS LOWER

By Our Political Correspondent

Rates bills in Scotland will still be lower on average than in England even after the controversial revaluation north of the border, the Prime Minister told M Ps in a written Commons answer last night.

She said: "The average domestic rate bill in Scotland, including water rates, in 1984-85 was £528, compared with £593 for domestic rates and water charges in England. It is estimated that the corresponding figures in 1985-86 will be £597 and £429 respectively."

BUS BILL AXE

By Our Political Correspondent

A Government motion to guillotine debate on its Bill to deregulate and privatise bus services outside London was approved by 276-189, a majority of 86, in the Commons last night.

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PENGUIN BUY-UP

By Our City Staff

Penguin Books is buying three publishing houses, Michael Joseph, Hamish Hamilton and Sphere Books from the International Thomson Organisation.

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PLANE SEIZED

Middle East Airlines Boeing 707 with 66 passengers and 10 crew hijacked on flight from Beirut to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Lone hijacker demanding money for "Lebanese National Assistance" movement, said Christian Voice of Lebanon radio station in Beirut.—A.P.

ANTI-HEATH VOTE

Federation of Conservative Students last night voted overwhelmingly to remove Mr Heath from post of Life Patron. Decision has to be ratified by the party's National Union.

BLAST KILLS 7

Furnace exploded at dye factory in Faisalabad, Pakistan, killing seven workers.—U.P.I.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Ridge will move from W. to E. frontal systems will reach W. areas later.

LONDON, S.E., CEN. S. ENGLAND, MIDLANDS, E. ANGLIA: Sunny intervals, little rain in places. Wind S.W., moderate, locally fresh at first. Max. 57F (14C).

E., N.E. ENGLAND: Dry, sunny spells, rain in places later. Wind W., moderate, becoming S., moderate. 55F (13C).

CHANNEL Is., S.W., N.W., ENGLAND, WALES, S.W. SCOTLAND, N. IRELAND: Dry at first, drizzle at times. Wind S.W. moderate or fresh. 55F (13C).

S. NORTH SEA: Wind W. force 6-7 or gale 8 decreasing 4, backing S. Sea very rough, becoming moderate.

STRAIT OF DOVER, ENG. CH. (E.): S.W. 4 backing S., 5 or, 6-7. Slight, becoming moderate or rough.

ST. GEORGE'S CH., IRISH SEA: Variable, S. becoming S., 6-7 or gale 8. Slight, becoming very rough.

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UNION BRANCH 'HAS PROOF OF BALLOT RIG'

By CHARLES LAURENCE

A BIRMINGHAM branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union has called for an independent inquiry into allegations of ballot-rigging in last year's elections for general secretary, and for a fresh ballot if irregularities are found.

The branch of the Midlands Region Commercial Section of the union, Britain's biggest with 1,500,000 members, passed a resolution on Sunday which could spark a grass-roots demand for a national re-ballot.

Mr Ron Todd, a Left-winger beat the moderate Mr George Wright, by 45,000 votes in the workplace ballot last April and May.

He is expected to take over from Mr Moss Evans as general secretary in June. The margin was the slimmest in the union's history.

Mr Ken Ormston, secretary of the Birmingham branch, said yesterday: "My branch has passed the resolution that has now been sent on to the regional committee. The resolution seeks an independent inquiry and a re-ballot if irregularities are found.

Members 'very angry'

"We have proof of irregularities and my members are champing at the bit. They are very angry that some people wanted to use their union cards for their own ends."

Mr Ormston's branch, made up mostly of lorry and van drivers, includes two men who found that their membership cards had been stamped in Bristol to show that they had cast their votes there.

Both men, however, deny that they voted at the Bristol branch from which they had transferred to Birmingham. They only discovered that they had "voted" when they collected new membership cards from the Bristol branch in order to transfer their membership.

The union has now opened an investigation into how those cards came to be stamped with the "G S" initials that mean that the member has voted for a candidate for general secretary.

It is the second investigation into ballot procedures at Bristol branches.

Officials sacked

The first, into branch 3/174, led to the sacking of two union officials and the banning from office of a third after allegations of ballot-rigging were upheld.

This inquiry showed that members' cards had been stamped without them voting and the union's own report recorded evidence that ballot boxes had been opened so that votes for Mr Wright could be removed, and destroyed. The Avon and Somerset police fraud squad have now launched their own investigation.

The Birmingham branch resolution is expected to be passed on to the union headquarters at Transport House after a preliminary investigation at regional level.

In a statement issued through Transport House yesterday, Mr Evans, who is in Brazil with a TUC delegation, said: "The TGWU is proud of its traditions of democracy and procedures it has always used for balloting its members. Any complaints about these procedures have always been rigorously investigated and will be in the future.

"Current Press interest centres on cases which have already been examined by the union. It is ironic that the case which best shows our adherence to the importance of democracy is used time after time in the Press as a reason for alarm.

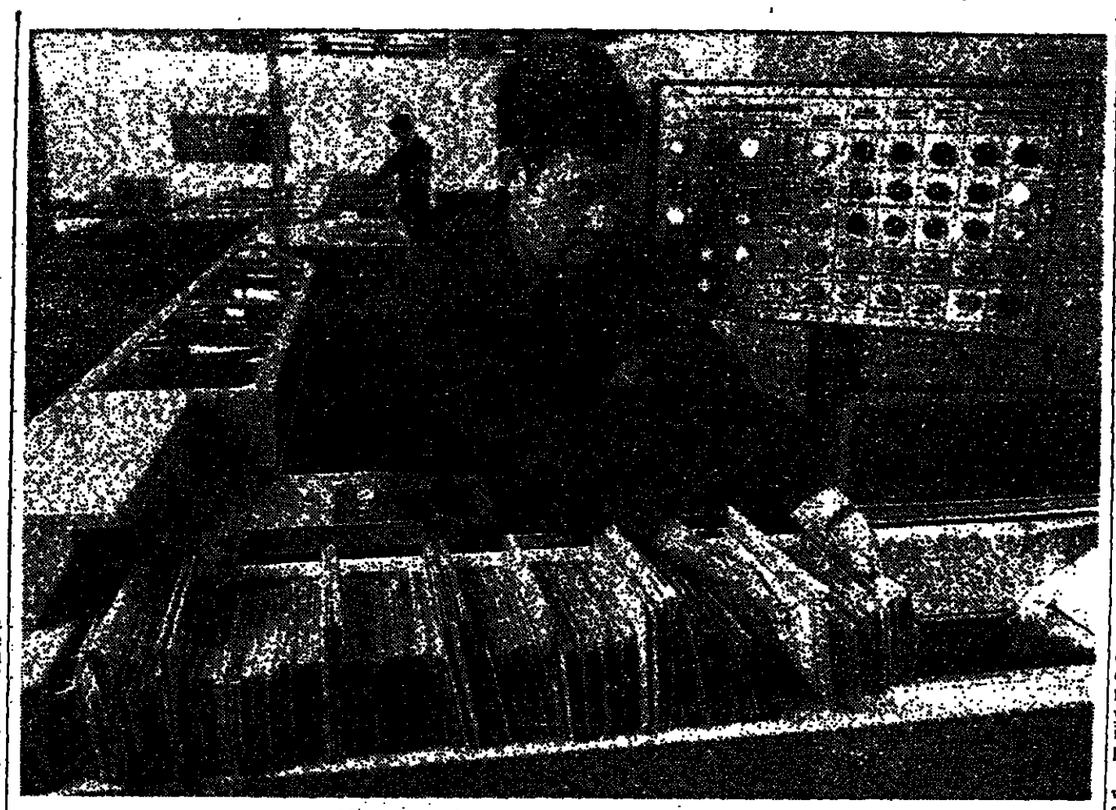
"In fact the complaint from Bristol, on investigation, was upheld, the people deemed responsible dismissed from office and the 1,300 votes cast invalidated without ever being included in the final count."

M P's inquiry call

He said this clearly demonstrated that the Union's procedures were adequate to prevent abuse and that in fact only three complaints had reached the head office. Of these, two, in Kent and north-west London, had been dismissed.

"Even after this long period of time, I have given an assurance that all specific complaints made by members of the union would be thoroughly investigated. Despite Press speculation, no further specific complaints have been received at Transport House," said Mr Evans.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft, employment spokesman for the Liberal Party and a member of the transport union, called yesterday for an independent inquiry into the ballot. He wrote to Mr Norman Willis, TUC General Secretary, suggesting that the TUC should undertake the inquiry.



The new technology in the sorting office—an "Optical Character Recognition" machine which is now the subject of dispute at Mount Pleasant. The machine reads postcodes on 30,000 letters an hour and directs them accordingly.

DISPUTE AT PAPER GOES ON

Daily Telegraph Reporter

JOURNALISTS at the News, Portsmouth, last night accused the management of breaking a back-to-work agreement which ended a 16-week dispute.

Seven journalists at the evening newspaper returned to work, but its editor, Mr Bob Poulton, said the dispute, over manning arrangements for the introduction of new technology, was not over.

Mr Jeremy Gardiner, father of the National Union of Journalists chapel (office branch), said that the rest of the 74 union members dismissed during the dispute had accepted the return-to-work formula agreed after talks at the conciliation service Acas.

Lost confidence

He said that agreement includede a management pledge to reinstate all those who had lost their jobs.

However, the management, Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, was now inviting journalists to re-apply for their jobs individually and in writing.

Mr Gardiner said: "We are willing to go back tomorrow if the management allows us to sign the agreement."

M Poulton said management had lost confidence in the union's abilit yto negotiate and "in future we will be dealing with individuals."

Private couriers hope for more business

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

THREATS of commercial disruption caused by postal strikes in the past have been reduced by more than 100 firms with their own delivery fleets offering an alternative business mail service.

Many private courier services have started since the last postal strike in 1971.

Most operate locally but a few provide national and international services.

The couriers offer fast delivery at between £2·75 and £12·50 a packet for internal mail and around £22 overseas.

But the Post Office monopoly still prevents private couriers offering a rival public service at ordinary letter rates.

Two services

One firm, I M L Air Services, founded by Mr Andrew Walters, 39, a former Army helicopter pilot, in 1972, now has offices in 11 major towns in Britain and 46 countries overseas and a turnover of more than £20 million a year.

Mr Walters said yesterday that his firm would be introducing two services to help business clients in a postal strike.

A 48-hour delivery service would cost 20 per cent less than their £12·50 rate for next day delivery anywhere in Britain. Mail would also be carried to Amsterdam for posting to destinations overseas.

But Mr Brian Fitsall, marketing director for the UK and Ireland for the Hongkong-based D H L International said: "We don't see ourselves as competitors to the Post Office.

"We make deliveries in Britain only of items which our couriers bring in from other parts of the world."

The D H L network has 600 offices in 142 countries and claims to have 200 couriers a day carrying mail bags around the world.

Sharp increase

The Pony Express service, owned by Securicor, offers an overnight letter delivery by 10 Britain for £8·50 plus V A T. The firm has a £2 million turnover.

Mr Philip Benson, manager, said: "We have had quite a sharp increase in wor ktoday in London and across the country. We anticipate we will get more work and we are prepared to handle it."

Mr David Cooper, administrative executive of the London-based Mercury Despatch, said he was expecting a 25 per cent. increase in business.

But Mr Stephen Floyd, a director of Pegasus Couriers, which operates a national overnight service for £9·35 plus V A T, said: "Anything which has to be sent quickly is sent by courier anyway."

HOSPITAL HIT BY STRIKE

By MAURICE WEAVER
Industrial Staff

ALL non-emergency operations have been cancelled at Newcastle-upon-Tyne's Royal Victoria Hospital as a result of a strike by about 250 domestic cleaning staff over privatisation proposals.

The workers, members of the National Union of Public Employees and the health union Cohse, have been told they face substantial pay and hours cuts to compete with outside tenders.

The hospital authorities confirmed yesterday that in some cases cleaners earning £112 a week including bonuses for productivity and unsocial hours would revert to their basic pay of £68·80 under the scheme.

Others may be switched from full-time to part-time working. Most of the cleaners are women and they work both at the 250-bed main hospital and its adjacent dental hospital.

10 competitors

Mr Mark Wood, deputy unit administrator, said: "We are competing with 10 contract cleaning companies and to do so are rationalising our work rosters and cutting out the existing 20 per cent. productivity bonus."

Cleaning standards can be maintained, he said, with a reduction of 1,000 hours in the working week of the cleaning workforce. The union rejects this and warns that its initial three-day stoppage will spread to other hospitals tomorrow unless management backs down.

Pickets yesterday disrupted hospital laundry movements in the area.

Timing dilemma over legislation to reform rates

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

A DILEMMA over timing of legislation faces the Prime Minister and colleagues as they begin in earnest another search for ways of reforming the local government rating system.

It is whether to attempt to put a Bill on the Statute Book before or after the next general election, which is up to three years away.

Assuming that ministers can meet their target of producing a proposed package of reforms by the end of this year, the Government could include it in the legislative programme for 1986-87.

However difficulties over previous attempts at reform strengthen the case for only introducing a Bill before the next election and not proceeding with it while making a manifesto pledge to do so immediately on re-election.

The trouble with that timetable, some Conservatives felt yesterday, was the lack of reform despite many years of pledges by ministers including Mrs Thatcher as far back as 1974.

Gimmick, says Kinnock

The sensitivity of the Government's credibility on the rates issue was shown yesterday by Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, who quickly denounced as "a gimmick" the special seminar which Mrs Thatcher held with 10 Ministerial colleagues at Chequers on Sunday.

He said that rating reform could not be achieved by the Prime Minister because she had "messed it up so many times in the past."

He added in a B B C radio interview: "We have a Government elected in 1979 on a promise to abolish the rates. Six years later all they have succeeded in doing is making a complete mess of local government finance and pushing the rates up."

Eleven years ago, when she was Shadow Environment Secretary, Mrs Thatcher persuaded Mr Heath and colleagues to include in the general election manifesto for October of that year a pledge to abolish the rates.

Radical, not minor

After that and other unfulfilled moves, the Prime Minister has told colleagues that this time there must be radical reform, not just minor changes.

The Chequers meeting considered several options discarded before, including a poll tax on all members of a household, a local sales tax and a local income tax.

Although nothing has yet been ruled out, local income tax did not have much support in the Government yesterday.

The examination of options is being carried out by Mr Baker and Mr Waldegrave, local government Ministers, who are to report to the Cabinet this summer.

COUNCIL IN COURT BATTLE

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

THE Labour leaders of Hackney Borough Council are encouraging its employees to strike in an attempt to force the Government to give the council more money, Mr James Wadsworth, Q C, said in the High Court yesterday.

They had used words like "rebellion" and "revolt," he said. They had also talked of defaulting on wage payments, on repaying money owed to lenders and not paying precepts.

Mr Wadsworth was appearing for Mr Hourad Fleming, a local ratepayer who last month failed to win a council seat for the Social Democratic party. He is asking for an order of mandamus to force Hackney to fix a rate within the next few days.

The case is being watched closely by other councils. Hackney is one of nine rate-capped councils which have still not fixed a rate. It has said that the Government's rate limit was impossible because rate-capping prevented it from raising sufficient funds for its needs.

Mr Wadsworth said that Mr Fleming agreed that the Government's maximum rate limit was "frighteningly inadequate." But he disagreed with the extreme methods being used by the authority's leaders.

Extreme attitude

Mr Fleming and the council parted company on the extreme attitude which he alleged it was taking. Mr Fleming believed that a strike would not only be illegal but damaging to the ratepayers' interests.

If no rate was made, borrowing costs would increase "terrifyingly" from the present £500 a day to over £5,000 a day. Within five months, Hackney would have spent the whole of its anticipated income for the year.

While the Hackney case continues today two other councils, Lewisham and Haringey, are planning special meetings to discuss their rates this week.

Of the rate-capped councils, Camden, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Southwark, Greenwich and Lewisham in London and Sheffield, Yorks are still refusing to set a rate.

They are supported by Tower Hamlets and Newham in London and Liverpool areas of the non rate-capped councils.

Manchester City Council voted on Sunday night to strike a rate, bringing the number of councillors still facing the prospect of surcharge and disqualification below the 500 mark as the start of the financial year approaches.

RAPE STORY WAS INVENTED

Jean Parker, 35, who feared she would become pregnant after making love in the back of a car told police that she was raped, Dartford magistrates were told yesterday.

But a few weeks later she confessed she had made love voluntarily and invented the story. Parker, of Hextable, Kent, who was accused of wasting police time, was conditionally discharged for a year.

Pcs GO BACK TO THE BEAT

The neighbourhood policeman returned in Lincolnshire yesterday after a major review of the county police force, the first for 10 years. Priority is being given to community policing with more men on the beat.

Mr Stanley Crump, the county's Chief Constable, said: "Every home in Lincolnshire will now have a bobby on the beat."

ALCOHOL 'NOT PRIMARY CAUSE'

By Our Business Correspondent

The Brewers' Society, while backing moves to curb soccer hooliganism, claimed last night that drink was not the primary cause.

"The motive for violence was there before drinking took place," a spokesman said.

Dirt in operating theatre fuels row

By JOHN SHAW

A SURGEON was forced to cancel a hip replacement operation when blood and bone dust was found on the floor of the theatre at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, it was disclosed yesterday.

Dirt was also found on a clean air unit, specifically designed to help keep out infection during highly sensitive operations. There is to be an official inquiry.

Mr David Mars, 35, the surgeon involved, said: "We have to be quite fanatical about sterility with an operation like this. An infected hip could turn into a life-threatening condition.

24-hour closedown

"We called the consultant bacteriologist at he advised that the theatr should be closed down for 24 hours and cleaned properly.

Addenbrooke's which has a total of 920 bed, has been at the centre of a row about cleaning since last October. O C S Cleaning Service was awarded the £725,000 cleaning contract, but former Laith Service workers walked out, and have since picketed the hospital.

It began with dispute about pay and holida, but widened to include the question of cleaning standa, which the former employ claim have declined seriou since privatisation.

AIDS FOUND IN HOSPITAL DEATH MAN

A 31-year-old male homosexual who died at Colchester District Hospital three weeks ago has been identified as a carrier of Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Tests showed that the Clacton man had AIDS anti-bodies in his bloodstream.

A North East Essex Health Authority spokesman could not say yesterday whether the patient was actually suffering from the disease and said the man's parents had asked that his name be kept secret. Known contacts had been informed.

The man who is due to be buried on Thursday had an official cause of his death of viral pneumonia. The Colchester hospital is to be officially opened by the Queen next month.

'GAY OPPRESSION' COUNCIL COURSE

Labour-controlled Islington Council is to organise "hetero-sexism awareness training" for its staff. The course, to be run by two homosexual men, is thought to be the first of its kind in the country.

A report by the council's Gay and Lesbian sub-committee says the aim of the course is to make participants aware that "they hold certain preconceptions about lesbians and gay men, and that by holding these preconceptions, they oppress."

BROWN WATER '£10 A GLASS IN SOHO CLUB'

Customers at a Soho strip club were charged £10 for a glass of coloured water described as "lager beer" and £90 for a bottle of Schloss Boozenberg "Champagne" and bullied if they refused to pay, Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, Q C, prosecuting, said yesterday, when five people from the "Soho 2" basement club, Old Compton Street, appeared at Southwark Crown Court.

Mr Hart-Leverton, said: "This was an unpleasant and unsavoury strip club where tourists were cheated, conned, deceived and intimidated. They were ripped off and relieved of their money for virtually no food, no real drink and no real service."

Club hostesses Judith Clark, 22, of Gloucester Crescent, Camden Town, Janet Bartolo, 25, of Hilldrop Road, Holloway, barman, Anthny Bartolo, 26, of Brander Road, Finchley, Anthony M. Calfef, 32, of Valiant House, Valley Grove, Charlton, and Michae Lambert, 24, of Warwick Road, Edmonton, lent conspiracy to blackmail customers and conspiracy to obtain money by deception on or befre Aug. 3, 1984. The hearing was adjurned until today.

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50 COUNCILLORS GO TO SPAIN ON THE RATES

By DAVID GRAVES

FIFTY Labour councillors from 26 local authorities flew back from Spain yesterday after spending four days at an international conference on nuclear free zones paid for out of public funds.

Although the final bill for the trip has not yet been worked out, it is estimated that the cost to ratepayers will be at least £20,000 in air fares, conference fees and accommodation.

As well as attending the conference in Cordoba, the councillors were also said to have enjoyed a banquet, nights out on the town, including an evening at a flamenco club, and sightseeing tours.

Many of the councillors, who were by far the largest foreign delegation out of the 207 delegates from 17 countries, are expected to claim up to £60 each in attendance allowances for four days away.

The aim of the conference—the second International Conference of Nuclear Free Zones—was to bring public pressure on the nuclear powers to disarm and dispose of their arsenals.

But, according to observers at the conference, while there was persistent criticism of Western governments, including Britain, there was little opposition raised against the Soviet bloc.

Delegates primarily expressed concern at the transportation and dumping of nuclear waste in their council areas.

The visit has caused dissension on Labour-controlled Corby District Council, Northants, from which three councillors, including Mr Ernie Wright, chairman of the housing committee, attended the conference.

Mr Bob Webster, leader of the council's Conservative opposition group, said yesterday: "I see no justification in this trip taking place. I cannot see what possible objective is served.

"I would have thought they would have been better served going to Moscow if they really wanted to know what the nuclear issue is all about.

"I don't see any point whatsoever in sending three councillors. Surely one councillor could have made an adequate report to the council, and saved ratepayers' expense in the meantime?"

Corby Council, which introduced a nuclear free zone in its district last year, has said it does not know yet how much the trip has cost.

'Important issue'

Justifying the trip, a spokesman for the Labour party said: "Nuclear free zones are important in the protection against any form of nuclear energy and nuclear waste.

"Having a policy of a nuclear free zone is just as important to a council as, for instance, public transport.

"I'm quite sure there would be little or no outcry if councillors had attended an international conference on public transport, which, in fact, they do all the time, whichever party has control."

The local authorities which sent delegates to the conference were: Cambridge, Camden, Corby, Cleveland, Dunbarton, Fife, Glasgow, Greater London, Greater Manchester, Gwent, Harlow, Leeds, Manchester City, Merseyside, Middlesbrough, Rochdale, Sheffield, South Yorks, Stirling, Stoke-on-Trent, Strathclyde, Tyne and Wear, West Lothian, West Midlands, West Yorkshire and Wolverhampton.

£62m payout on Las Vegas hotel fire

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in New York

A MARATHON legal battle over insurance costs arising from the 1980 fire at the M G M Grand Hotel in Las Vegas has been settled for $76 million (£62 million) three days before it was due to go to court.

The case, involving 63 insurance companies who provided the hotel with a unique retroactive policy to cover guest compensation claims, had been shaping up as the most expensive lawsuit in history.

Preliminary court costs and lawyers fees have already surpassed $50 million (£41 million) since the fire swept through the resort hotel, claiming 87 lives.

At issue was an unprecedented $170 million (£141 million) policy which the hotel took out after the fire to cover death and injury claims.

Insurers surprised

Insurance companies agreed to the deal on the assumption that claims would take years to fight through the tortuous American legal system. Meanwhile the $38 million (£31 million) premium paid by M G M would steadily be earning interest.

But the hotel surprised its insurers in January 1985 by reaching a settlement with the 1,357 claimants out of court. It agreed to pay $75 million (£61 million) out of a total agreement of $167 million (£137 million) the balance being paid by the resort on Las Vegas's fabled casino strip.

The insurance companies refused to pay M G M's share of the settlement, prompting the hotel to sue.

On Sunday, details of the settlement were announced and lawyers will meet Nevada Judge Paul Goldman on Wednesday to approve a final draft.

"This case represents the best and the worst of our judicial system," Judge Goldman said. "The worst is that we have expended large sums of money and disrupted dozens of lives only to arrive at a point that should have been consummated months ago.

"The best is that lawyers have placed their clients' interests before their own and have settled without a long, bitter, costly trial."

TWO-YEAR-OLD Gemma Knight, of Bracknell, Berks, leaving Heathrow yesterday with her mother, Mrs Sharon Knight, to fly to Pittsburg for a second liver transplant. She had her first transplant at the Children's Hospital there in August. "Gemma is feeling fine at the moment," Mrs Knight said. "She is chirpy and running round but there are signs she is rejecting."

Wife shares will despite 40 years apart

THE widow of an R A F officer is entitled to a £10,000 share of his win even though he walked out on the marriage more than 40 years ago, the High Court ruled yesterday.

Squadron Leadere LEONARD SMITH severed all contact with his wife GLADYS in 1942 but never divorced her and regularly sent £14 a month maintenance.

But no provision was made for Mrs Smith, 76, in his will when he died last year. The Smiths married in June, 1935, when Mr Smith was 25 and Mrs Smith was 26.

Originally, under laws which empower courts to "re-write" a will to make provision for dependants, a Divorce Registrar ruled that Mrs Smith, of Southborough Lane, Bromley, Kent, should receive £20,000 of the £78,000 plus left by the 72-year-old squadron leader.

But Deputy Judge ROGER GRAY, Q C, ruled yesterday that this was too much and cut the award to £10,000.

'Modest circumstances'

In his will, Mr Smith, 73, left the bulk of his estate to Mr MICHAEL PULLIN, of Westlea, Swindon. Mr Pullin was a nephew of Gladys Coley, the "friend and love" of Mr Smith and the woman he had lived with, said the judge.

Mrs Smith's income had already increased since Mr Smith's death because she had pension. Although they had not lived together she was still his widow in the eyes of the law.

She now lived in "very modest circumstances," and with the £10,000 she could buy an annuity which would give her an income of some £20 a week with 2,500 left "for a rainy day."

The bearing arose out of an appeal by Mr Pullin against the registrar's award.

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76 'peace' arrests under new law

SEVENTY-SIX peace campaigners were arrested yesterday at Greenham Common cruise missile base and its proposed sister base at Molesworth, Cambs., coinciding with the introduction of new anti-demonstration by-laws.

Berkshire police arrested 60 women at Greenham after a "mass trespass" to mark the new regulations, and 12 men and four women were arrested at the Cambridgeshire air base on suspicion of breach of the peace.

The Greenham women face charges under the new counter-protest measures, implemented under the 1892 Military Lands Act and which came into force at midnight.

Similar measures cover Molesworth and mean demonstrators can be fined up to £100 for entering the bases without permission, obstructing police in the area, damaging official noticeboards and other offences.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said the Greenham demonstrators were quickly apprehended after breaking through th eprimeter fence. One was a 15-yar-old girl eported missing from home.

At Molesworth police were waiting when about 40 peace campers in 10 coaches and lorries travelled there from the disused Polebrook airfield, Northants.

The protesters were returning to Molesworth for a mass demonstration planned there for next weekend when they hope for an attendance of 50,000.

Last night the National Council for Civil Liberties said the women arrested at Greenham Common wee kept in unacceptable conditions for more than seven hours in some cases and "without access to normal facilities or protection of their rights."

It called on the Defence Ministry to ensure that its officers were properly instructed as to suspects' basic rights and that proper facilities were provided.

JUDGE URGES TOUGH LINE ON MUGGERS

Tough sentences for muggers were urged yesterday by Judge Jack Abdela at the Old Bailey as he jailed two men who attacked a 24-year-old woman in the Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.

Cadman Gerald, 24, a van driver, admitted robbery and was jailed for 30 months. Jeffrey McClure, 21, a decorator, admitted theft and was jailed for 27 months. Both live on the White City Estate, Shepherd's Bush.

Mr Michael Wood, prosecuting, said that Gerald crept up on the victim and snatched her handbag, then jumped into a car driven by McClure and escaped. The woman memorised the car's number and informed police.

POLICE FILES FOUND ON RUBBISH TIP

Confidential files from police headquarters at Prestatyn, N. Wales, have been found on a refuse tip in the town. They cover police interest in local figures, personal details and criminal records.

One warned police that the Council for Civil Liberties might be advising people to include the word "stud" in statements as a code for "statement taken under duress."

The files were dated March 1979 and marked "Confidential for police use only." A spokesman at North Wales Police headquarters at Colwyn Bay said: "We are very concerned and the matter will be thoroughly investigated."

DJ REMANDED

Graham Neale, 31, a disc jockey, appeared before Nottingham magistrates yesterday charged with murdering his girlfriend, Lynne Goldingay, 24. Neale, of Brancaster Close, Cinderhill, Nottingham, who works for Radio Trent, was remanded in custody until April 10.

ARROWSMITH FINED

Base fence damaged

Pat Arrowsmith, 55, a founder member of C N D, was fined £25 yesterday for damaging the high-security chainlink fence around R A F Alconbury in Cambridgeshire.

Magistrates in Huntingdon were told that Arrowsmith was seen unravelling the fence near the runway at the base during a peace demonstration last December.

Arrowsmith, of Middle Lane, Hornsey, was also ordered to pay £11 compensation and £55 costs. She had denied the charge, but admitted unravelling the fence, claiming it had been cut before she arrived.

WARNING OVER KUNG FU DISC

The Government has no plans to ban the sale of the Japanese martial arts weapons known as "Kung Fu" Death Stars," Mr Giles Shaw, Home Affairs Minister, said in a Commons written reply yesterday.

But he said the star-shaped metal discs could be classed as an offensive weapon and people found possessing them in public could face a maximum two-year imprisonment and a fine.

MAN STOLE OUT OF 'CURIOSITY'

Re Eduardo, an Italian psychiatrist, was fined £100 yesterday for shoplifting after telling the Marlborough Street magistrates: "There were many people in the store and I was curious to steal."

Eduardo, 34, in London on business, admitted stealing a £5·99 pair of women's shoes from Top Shop in Oxford Street.

SOUTHEND FC SAVED

A petition to wind up Southend United football club was dismissed in the High Court yesterday. The Fourth Division club was said to owe £35,000, but Mr Justice Nourse was told that agreement had been reached with creditors.

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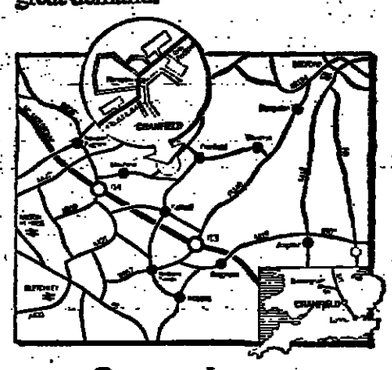

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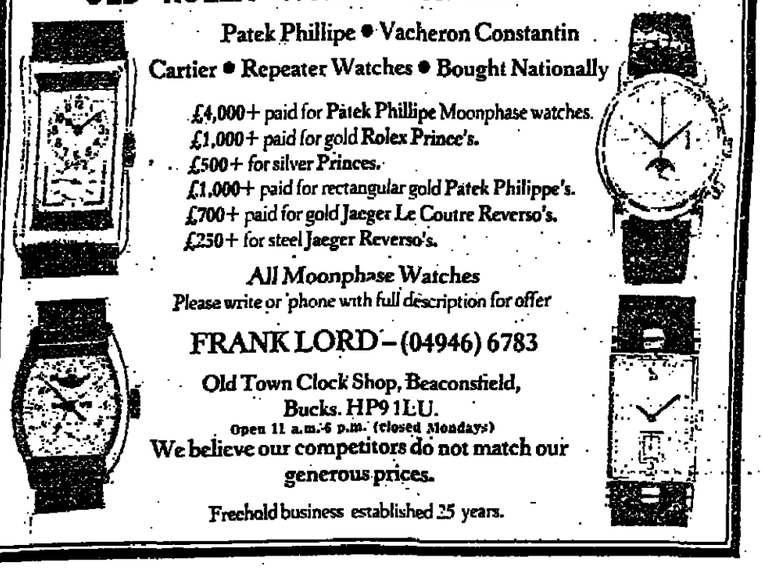

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FARM SPENDING WARNING TO EEC MINISTERS

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent in Luxembourg

ALL the demands of Common Market agriculture ministers would cost the Community an extra £190 millions in this year's budget, and £440 millions next year, Mr Frans Andriessen, the Farm Commissioner, said in Luxembourg yesterday.

Farm spending was already set to outstrip the £12 billion agriculture budget for this year, and some additional expenditure would have to be transferred to next year's budget, he told the ministers.

The extra demands being made by the ministers, such as a freeze in cereal prices rather than the cut the commission is proposing, breached the budgetary discipline which the Community had agreed should be applied, said Mr Andriessen.

However, Bonn's Herr Ignaz Kiechle was reportedly standing out as firm as ever against the proposed cut in cereal prices and changes in the complex "green currency" arrangements that would result in price cuts for West German farmers.

Evidently the weekend talks between Herr Kiechle and Signor Filippo Pandolfi, the Italian farm minister and chairman of the negotiations, aimed at paving the way towards a farm price settlement, made little if any progress.

Certainly there was no sign yesterday of the compromise Signor Pandolfi had been expecting to produce. Mr Jopling, Agriculture Minister, said Signor Pandolfi's weekend discussions "did not cause any apparent change at this stage."

He said there was a general desire by the ministers to get a settlement.

"I do not think anyone looks with equanimity at just going on and on," said Mr Jopling. "We want to resolve the uncertainty among the farming industry."

His position was unchanged. The Commission had made sensible farm price proposals, and there were some ways Britain thought the Commission ought to have been tougher.

The talks continue this morning.

DEMOCRATS CHANGE DIRECTION

By IAN BALL in New York

AN historic change is occuring in the Democratic party — the party that gave America the New Deal, the Great Society and all the other sweeping Liberal experiments. It is moving solidly Right on the political spectrum.

This was the consensus of political commentators yesterday as they took a fresh look at the Democrats' future in the wake of Senator Edward Kennedy's weekend hints that he will make another bid for the White House in 1988.

Senator Kennedy, the party's best-known Liberal standard-bearer, acknowledged at the weekend that his personal political outlook was changing in keeping with the fundamental shift within the Democratic party.

The 53-year-old Senator said some of the cherished programmes of liberal Democrats—public housing, public-service job programmes and the like, were failures and should be abandoned.

Deep schisms

A new federal "programme" was not always the way to alleviate a social ill. "We cannot and should not depend on higher tax revenues to roll in and redeem every costly programme," he added.

To some die-hard Liberals in his party, his comments came close to heresy.

The NEW YORK TIMES, discussing what it described as the "sea change" in American politics, said yesterday that deep schisms were developing within the Democratic party over how it should hold on to its traditional coalition, labour, the poor, minorities, urban interests and women's activist groups, while appealing to the more prosperous citizens of the Sun Belt and the northern suburbs.

DEATH CAR FOUND

By Our Geneva Correspondent

Rikers have discovered the body and wrecked car of a Geneva woman who died when the vehicle hurtled down a 900ft precipice at Saluan, Switzerland, six months ago, authorities said yesterday.

WAR PENSION UP

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

Russian war veterans were given pension increases yesterday, to mark the coming 40th anniversary of Hitler's defeat.

MISS Marina Ogilvy, 18 (left), daughter of Princess Alexandra and Mr Angus Ogilvy, who flies to Central America today to take part with 70 other youngsters in an Operation Raleigh project on the Roatan Islands, off Honduras. With her at an Army camp near Liphook, Hants, is team-mate, Nurse Fiona Neve.

Without telling her parents Miss Ogilvy applied for a place on the scheme, whose patron is the Prince of Wales. To raise her contribution of £2,300 she went to a job centre and found employment at a West End store.

Next she wrote off to companies asking them to sponsor her, and when £1,500 was still needed, the chairman of Harrods gave her a cheque for that amount.

The youngsters will rough it on the islands, diving to explore the wrecks of 16th-century galleons and carrying out archaeological investigations. They will help to build a school and restore a lighthouse.

Bonn pledge on space arms offer

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

BONN should stand "shoulder to shoulder" with France and other European partners on the question of participation in President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, said Herr Genscher, the West German foreign minister.

Addressing a meeting yesterday of the Liberal (Free Democrat) party presidium, the Foreign Minister said that the will to develop a joint position had been apparent at the last Franco-German summit, and on subsequent occasions.

There would also be talks with other European countries concerning the American plans for a space-based defensive system, he added.

Bonn had recently followed the British example and expressed concern at some of the possible implications of the futuristic space defence project, and in particular its effect on the established doctrine of nuclear deterrence.

Options open

In a position paper published last week, the West German government kept its options open on joining the research, and added that it would continue to strive for a joint European position. This was interpreted to include France, and if possible Britain and Holland.

The whole matter would be discussed by Chancellor Kohl when President Reagan visits Bonn in early May, said officials.

Villagers flee from Israeli 'Iron Fist'

By CON COUGHLIN in Jerusalem

SHI'ITE Moslems in Israeli-occupied southern Lebanon have left their villages and headed north in convoys, apparently fleeing the affects of the hard-line Israeli policy against Shi'ite terrorists.

Many of those who have fled are young men but women and children have also taken flight.

Eye witnesses travelling from the area say many villages in the Israeli occupied south are deserted and local people have sought refuge further north from the Israeli Army.

Shi'ite Moslem villages in south Lebanon have been subjected to a massive operation by the Israeli Army to flush out suspected terrorists.

Sealed off

At least 70 people have been killed during the Israeli operation and a further 500 have been arrested and taken away by the Israelis for interrogation.

After selecting a target the Israeli Army seals the village off, rounds up all the men and carries out thorough searches of homes, dynamiting those that are suspected of being used as a base for terrorist activities.

The operation, codenamed "Iron Fist," is being carried out to clear the area of terrorists and weapons before the Israelis complete their withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

A spokesman for the Israeli forces said yesterday that those people fleeing the area "have only had something to hide." Only those people involved in anti-Israeli activity had anything to fear from Israeli forces.

About 100,000 Shi'ite Moslems are believed to be living in southern Lebanon, many of whom have only recently returned to their homes after being driven out during the Israeli invasion of 1982.

180 attacks

The occupation has, however, led to a massive guerrilla war against the Israeli Army. The number of clashes is mounting daily.

The head of a Shi'ite militia in southern Lebanon was yesterday quoted as saying 180 attacks were made against Israeli soldiers last month and 55 attacks against the pro-Israeli South Lebanese Army, the local Christian militia.

"God has given us an order to fight the Israelis. God must be happy," one 24-year-old fighter said.

In the latest clash two South Lebanese Army militiamen were killed during a gun battle with Shi'ite guerrillas just north of Nabatieh.

Independent observers in southern Lebanon believe the Israeli Army has modified its tactics in recent weeks because of the high number of casualties it has suffered from guerrilla attacks.

Sidon shelled

"The nature of the occupation has changed," one observer said yesterday. "There are fewer patrols, and Israeli units sit inside their fixed positions."

Meanwhile heavy fighting continues in the southern Lebanese port of Sidon where at least 40 people have been killed and more than 100 injured in five days of fighting. Reports from the city described heavy shelling in the area with Christian and Palestinian areas the worst affected.

General David Kimche, Israeli Foreign Ministry director, said yesterday that the violence in Sidon confirmed Israel's belief that United Nations troops should have been deployed in the area when Israeli troops withdrew in February.

CZECH FANS ON RAMPAGE

Czechoslovak football fans, like some of those in the West, have been going on the rampage, using razors and paint sprays, according to the Prague newspaper VECERNI PRAHA.

The paper said 15 youths were arrested after they set about "destroying whatever they could," on their way from a match at the Juliska stadium to the city centre.—Reuter.

POLISH PRICE RISE ALERT

By ROBIN GEDYE Diplomatic Staff

POLISH police deployed water cannon, stepped up patrols and checked workers' documents outside at least two of Warsaw's largest factories yesterday as a second round of nationwide price rises increased energy costs by up to 32 per cent.

The outlawed Solidarity free trade union had called on workers to stage "protest actions" such as factory meetings and marches after work, but the streets outside large plants in Gdansk and Warsaw were calm.

Extra police, backed by water cannon parked in side streets, were deployed at Warsaw's Huta Warszawa steelworks and Ursus tractor factory.

Walesa ill

In Gdansk, police prevented small groups of workers at the Lenin shipyard from walking to a workers' monument outside the shipyard's main gate after a shift change. No incidents were reported.

Mr Lech Walesa, leader of Solidarity, was not at work at the shipyards because of a severe leg infection. He was unavailable for comment.

The latest price increases push the cost of natural gas up by 23-32 per cent., coal and coke by 20 per cent., and electricity by 22 per cent.

Prices for bread, flour, rice, tea and some dairy products rose on March 4 by 30-50 per cent. They were the first such rises for 13 months and reports by Solidarity's underground press said they had caused brief stoppages in factories.

A third round of price rises is scheduled for July as part of a government programme that will raise the cost of living by an estimated 10 per cent.

The three-stage increase had been scheduled originally to take effect all at once in March, but the government backed down under strike threats from Solidarity and protests from the officially-sanctioned unions.

ETHIOPIA FANS IN RIOT

Riot police fired shots in the air and baton-charged spectators at an Ethiopia-Nigeria youth soccer match in Addis Ababa when violence erupted after alleged taunts by the visitors about Ethiopia's famine.

Tony Ikazoboh, chairman of the Nigerian Football Association, yesterday denied any player taunted the crowd and said his squad, which drew 1-1 to qualify 4-1 on aggregate for the junior World Cup, was attacked without provocation. —Reuter.

Blacks were out to kill, says man behind shootings

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

THE police commander whose men shot 19 blacks said yesterday he believed he and his men would have been overrun and killed if he had not given the order to fire.

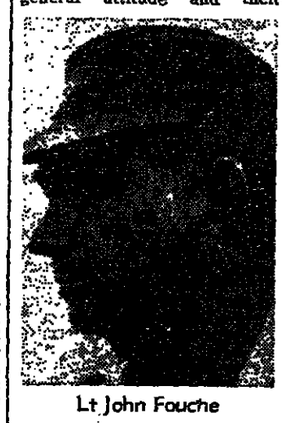
Lt John Fouche said he believed the crowd of 4,000 was on its way to a residential area "to kill white people."

He told the Uitenhage judicial committee of inquiry into the shooting that he had been commanding a 15-strong police unit in two armoured vehicles.

They had attempted to turn back the crowd, on its way to a funeral in the Langa township in the Eastern Cape on March 21.

Lt Fouche said he saw only one stone being thrown before he gave the order to fire. Many more stones were thrown at the police after the shooting began.

He had gained the impression that the crowd intended harm to the white residents of Uitenhage because of their general attitude and their



Lt John Fouche

songs. He had seen knobkerries, a piece of plank and a length of steel among the crowd.

He was asked what effect the shooting had had on him. "I was in great shock afterwards," said Lt Fouche, who also said he had saved the lives of a number of blacks during floods in the Eastern Cape last year.

Expressed concern

His men had been issued with automatic rifles and shotguns, he said. They were issued with tear smoke and rubber bullets only after the incident.

Meanwhile the official opposition Progressive Federal party expressed concern over the disclosure that troops had been deployed in the Eastern Cape to assist police in riot-affected areas.

Mr Philip Myburgh, the party's defence spokesman, said it was a matter of concern that the army should be involved in an internal unrest situation "particularly where the cause of unrest is directly attributable to police agitation."

Sporadic incidents of overnight mob violence including stone throwing and arson were reported by police in the Port Elizabeth area yesterday morning.

It was disclosed that a black man had died in hospital from wounds when police used shotguns, tear smoke and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd after a funeral near the city on Sunday.

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GUERRILLAS KILL FORMER LEADER

Guerrillas in northern Afghanistan have killed a former guerrilla commander who secretly worked with the Kabul government to block resistance supplies from entering the strategic Panjsher valley.

A guerrilla spokesman said the death of Juma Khan, announced by the official Kabul Radio, was a setback for Soviet and Afghan forces trying to control the Andarab valley just north of Panjsher.—Reuter.

TRANSITION PACKAGE FOR NAMIBIA

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

SOUTH AFRICA will decide before the month-end whether to sanction a transitional government in South West Africa, a move which is nervously regarded in Western capitals as a long step towards a Namibian UDI.

The constitutional package was handed to President Botha in Cape Town last week by a delegation from the Multi-Party Conference, which has been meeting in Windhoek.

MPC spokesmen insist that the creation of a transitional government would not conflict with the United Nations Resolution 435.

This calls for UN-supervised elections involving all parties, including the South-West Africa Peoples' Organisation which is fighting a guerrilla war against the South Africans.

'Synthesis paper'

The transitional government would strive for eventual sovereignty, but its powers for the present would not include defence, foreign affairs and internal security. These would remain in the hands of Pretoria which would continue to provide budgetary assistance to Namibia.

The proposals coincide with a last-ditch attempt by Dr Chester Crocker, the American Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, to persuade Angola and South Africa to accept a settlement based on an American "synthesis paper."

Savimbi threat

This is said to allow Cuban troops to remain in Angola to protect the capital, Luanda, and the oilfields in the Cabinda exclave. The Cubans would be withdrawn from other parts of the country over the next two years or so.

The difficulty, from the Angolan point of view, is that it does not remove the threat posed to the Marxist regime by Dr Savimbi's Unita movement, which controls the south-east.

SUB IN SERVICE

France's sixth ballistic missile submarine L'Inflexible, 8,080 tons, entered service yesterday. It is armed with 16 of the new M4 multiple warhead missiles, each with a range of 2,500 miles. —Reuter.

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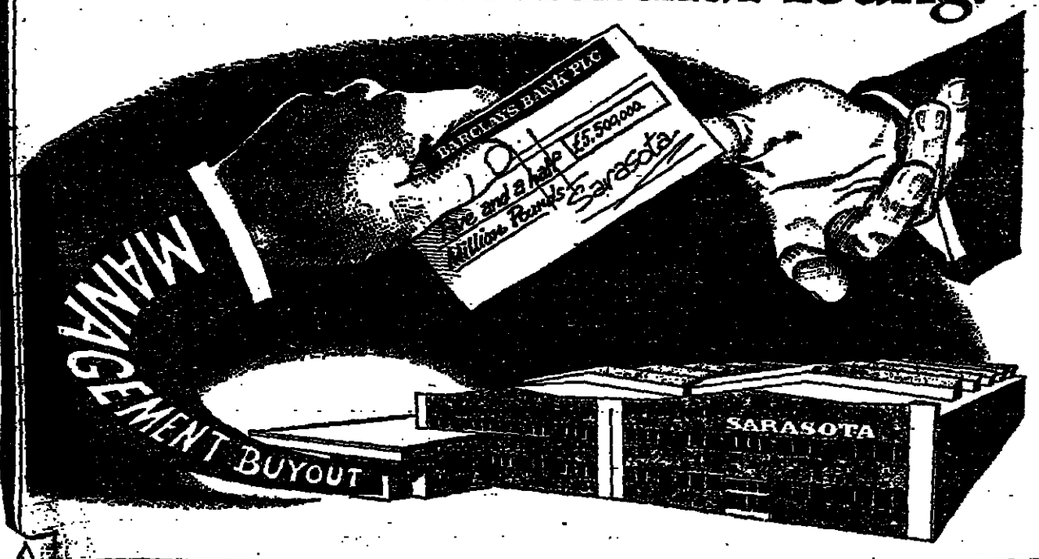

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'END CRAZY WAR' SAYS IRAQ AFTER TEHERAN RAID

By JAMES MacMANUS Diplomatic Staff

IRAQI planes twice raided the southern suburbs of Teheran early yesterday as the Iraqi Foreign Ministry described the Gulf conflict as "a crazy war."

Government-controlled newspapers in Baghdad said that Iraq would continue to attack Iranian cities and merchant ships using the Kharg Island oil terminal until Teheran responded to appeals for peace.

But in Tokyo Mr Tariq Aziz, Iraqi Foreign Minister, rejected Japanese appeals for a ceasefire against civilian targets and said Iran merely wished to prolong the 54-month war.

"Iran's leaders should stop this crazy war and sit down for negotiations on an honourable solution," he said.

However Iran is showing no sign of taking up the latest mediation offer from Senor Perez de Cuellar, United Nations Secretary-General.

The latest round of ground and air attacks against each other's cities left at least 18 dead and 50 wounded in Teheran after the pre-dawn Iraqi raids yesterday.

'Naval target'

Diplomatic sources in the Iranian capital speculated that by concentrating attacks on the crowded southern suburbs instead of the middle-class northern districts of the city, Iraq hoped to shake the morale of the poorer population who form the backbone of support for continuing the war.

An Iraqi military spokesman announcing the raids yesterday, also said that Iraqi planes had attacked "a large naval target" in the area of the Kharg Island oil terminal close to the head of the Gulf.

There was no confirmation from shipping sources in the area that any vessel had been hit.

Meanwhile, sources in Teheran were quoted as saying that Iraqi planes had flown alongside civilian aircraft in Iranian airspace in recent days, reminding pilots that the area had been declared a military exclusion zone.

The sources claimed the Iraqi planes had twice "escorted" Iranian civilian planes to Tehran's international airport, using them as cover against anti-aircraft fire before raiding the city.

Missile crater

Almost all foreign airlines have cancelled flights to Teheran since Iraq announced last month that civilian aircraft in the region were at risk.

The latest Iraqi air raids appear to have been ordered in retaliation for an explosion in Baghdad early on Sunday, apparently caused by an Iranian missile. The blast blew out the doors and windows of several houses and left a 5ft deep crater.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, discussed the latest round of fighting in the Gulf War when he met senior officials in Kuwait yesterday.

Kuwaiti sources said Mr Luce, on a two-day tour of the area, offered no proposals for settling the dispute during separate talks with Crown Prince Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah.

'IRAN EXECUTES 66'

Political prisoners die

RALPH JOSEPH reports from Athens: At least 66 people have been executed in Iran over the past few days, including 48 in Ahvaz, 90 miles from the Iraqi border, the militant Iranian opposition group, the Mujahedin Khalq, said yesterday.

A brother-in-law of Massoud Rajavi, the Mujahedin Khalq leader living in exile in Paris, was among nine political prisoners executed in Teheran's Evin Prison, it was claimed.

The widows of two of the world's most famous artists, Valentina Chagall (left) and Pablo Picasso's widow Jacqueline attending yesterday's funeral at Saint-Paul-de-Vence, near Nice, of the 97-year-old Russian-born surrealist painter Marc Chagall.

Sultan advocates joint Gulf exercises

By Maj-Gen Edward Fursdon
Defence Correspondent
in Salalah, South-West Oman

THE way forward for the Gulf Co-operation Council in military matters "is by strong co-operation, not integration," said Sultan Qaboos in audience at his palace in Salalah, south-west Oman, yesterday.

The council founded in May, 1981, consists of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

"Co-operation has been good so far, but we have to get to know each other better. There are lessons to be learned," he told me, "and the best way to do this is to exercise together."

The Sultan, who attended Sandhurst and later served in Baur with the Cameronians, would like to see not only an annual council joint exercise, but also up to two exercises a year held bilaterally with another council member.

Summer and winter

"The exercise must be held both in summer and winter conditions," he said, "and can be supplemented by joint command post exercises without troops."

He is opposed in principle to any permanently co-located joint standing military force of council members' units, such as was proposed last year to be stationed outside the sultanate.

"It is not a good idea to send units away on such a basis," he said. "We must also think of the effect on our peoples if units were to be sent away—they would think we had problems. Our potential enemies too might also take it as a provocative step.

"On both counts such an act could easily create tensions. But, above all, with such units serving abroad, we would be losing our independence, and that is not desirable.

"But operational and contingency planning should go ahead; certain areas be earmarked for possible future GCC troop deployments; and liaison officers exchanged," he said.

Regarding standardisation of council members' military equipment, Sultan Qaboos's views were very clear. "Total standardisation would be wrong because it would mean dependence on one outside supplier who could just turn the tap off at will.

"But it would be sensible for pairs of countries to acquire common items within the overall GCC matrix of military equipment. There is, of course, already some degree of commonality in smaller items.

"But on aircraft Oman is firm. We bought Jaguar aircraft, and the acquisition of a new fighter aircraft with a 24-hour air defence capability is now under consideration. That decision will not change.

"If some other GCC country wants to join us in this project, then we would welcome them."

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Strike call in attempt to oust Numeiry

By JAMES MacMANUS Diplomatic Staff

A ONE-DAY general strike has been called in Khartoum tomorrow to try to force the resignation of President Numeiry, the Sudanese leader.

The gathering revolt against the President's faltering leadership is being spearheaded by the professional classes with the reported backing of the police in Khartoum.

Several professional unions have agreed to strike tomorrow to support action already taken by doctors and lawyers who have openly called for a change of regime in Africa's largest country.

President Numeiry

Western diplomats in the capital said that a successful general strike could pose a serious threat to Mr Numeiry who is currently visiting America.

Revolt over law

The 55-year-old Sudanese leader, who has been in power since a military coup he engineered in 1969, was due to have met President Reagan in Washington yesterday to discuss extra aid for Sudan's stricken economy.

The near bankrupt state of the economy, combined with a three-year drought and a revolt by the largely Christian South against the recent application of Islamic law, have led to widespread disaffection with the government in Khartoum.

The authorities have arrested leaders of the doctors' union whose strike has paralysed hospitals in the capital.

Sources in the city, however, said yesterday that lawyers and other professional groups were determined to press on with plans for a general strike to unseat the President.

Western diplomats in Khartoum say that while the doctors' strike alone poses no immediate threat, a more general strike with the tacit backing of the security forces could prejudice Mr Numeiry's safe return to the country.

The strike by doctors followed three days of rioting in the capital last week over food price rises.

PROPAGANDA OFFENSIVE IN CAMBODIA

By IAN WARD
in Singapore

HANOI is preparing a window-dressed withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia as a follow-up propaganda move to its recent successful offensive against guerrilla bases along the western Khmer border with Thailand.

Reports last night from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, quoted senior Vietnamese officials as saying the military departure scheduled to begin tomorrow would represent the largest exit of Hanoi's forces from Cambodia since the so-called partial withdrawals of its occupation army first began in 1982.

Other reports from Phnom Penh, the Cambodian capital, described a carefully orchestrated tour of the city by a contingent of departing Vietnamese troops who were accompanied by provincial officials of the Cambodian Communist party.

Numbers concealed

As with the three previous actions of this nature organised by Hanoi, American and anti-communist South-east Asian diplomatic observers have been quick to dismiss the manoeuvre as nothing more than a troop rotation.

Vietnamese officials have never revealed the strengths of their withdrawing units. Nor have they indicated how large their occupation army has become since it first invaded Cambodia in the final days of 1978.

Observers feel Hanoi hopes to gain political points by appearing to recall substantially increased numbers this time, given the fact that the recent communist offensive against the anti-Vietnamese bases along the Thai border totally disrupted the guerrillas' efforts.

Some believe this may form the prelude to a heightened diplomatic campaign on the part of the communists to initiate some form of negotiations on the Cambodian crisis based on Hanoi's formula for a solution.

CHOLERA KILLS 314

Cholera has killed 314 refugees in camps outside Hargeisa, northern Somalia, since last week, the Information Minister, Col Mohamed Omar Jess, said yesterday.—Reuter.

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PAPANDREOU'S CRITICS FEAR MARXIST TYRANNY IS ON THE WAY

By MICHAEL FIELD in Athens

REVISION of the 1975 Greek Constitution is seen in Athens as a step toward a single-party quasi-Marxist regime in Greece, according to Mrs Virginia Tsouderou, a prominent Liberal politician.

Loudspeaker vans patrolled Athens yesterday calling people to next Friday's Opposition rally in defence of the Constitution.

At the same time, a small group of respected politicians issued a warning against the threat of totalitarian tyranny in Greece.

Mrs Tsoudaron, member of the recently formed "Committee of the Defence of Democracy," says that revision of the 1975 Greek Constitution as proposed by Mr Papandreou, the Prime Minister would nullify the power of the President and remove all checks on the executive.

"As things stand the President does not have much power but he can at least counter-balance the executive.

Dictatorship danger

"If someone like Mr Papandreou wants to change the country's social structure the President could stop it by calling a referendum."

"He would lose this prerogative under the new proposals," she said.

Mrs Tsouderou believes that although erratic in behaviour, Mr Papandreou is consistent in his undisguised aim to install a single-party quasi-marxist regime in Greece.

The new committee, which includes Mr Asimakis Fotilaz, a former minister of the Papandreou government, aims to alert Greeks to what it considers the true nature of the present regime, its leader, and the danger of dictatorship.

The first step has already been taken, the committee says, in the "unlawful appointment" last Friday of Mr Christos Sartzetakis as president on a minimum Parliamentary ballot.

They say he succeeded after "terrorist methods" were employed to intimidate deputies of the ruling Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok).

Although constitutionally the ballot should have been secret, different coloured voting papers revealed which government MPs voted against Mr Sartzetakis, the sole candidate.

Television cameras kept them under close scrutiny and they were marshalled together to guard against deviation.

This was deliberate, the critics say, since Mr Papandreou openly repudiated the secrecy rules and the Constitution itself, which he dismissed as a Right-wing creation.

"Andreas Papandreou does not respect Parliament. He never goes there and does not accept questions. He has never discussed foreign policy, but merely makes a declaration and leaves.

"He can't bear criticism and would not even allow his own central committee to ask questions when he told them of his switch of choice for President, although the committee was expecting to endorse President Karamanlis," Mrs Tsonderon said.

Spirit of '1984'

Mr Fotalis claims Greece is now dominated by the spirit of Orwell's 1984. Pasok uses a "newspeak" in which words have meanings opposite to those in the dictionary.

Mr Fotalis was fired when he sided with the other EEC countries in condemnation of the military-takeover in Poland.

"Military dictatorships are actually less dangerous than Fascism and Communism where the political power dominates. We are threatened here with a very advanced model of totalitarianism," he said.

PLANES COLLIDE

Two Danish Air Force F16 fighters collided yesterday near the west coast town of Ribe in Denmark. Both pilots ejected safely and the planes crashed in a field.—AP.

PENGUINS KILLED

Vandals have killed a third of a colony of fairy penguins in a cove 150 miles east of Adelaide. Nine of the penguins had been shot or had their heads wrenched off.—Reuter.

Marcos faces build-up by communists

By IAN WARD in Singapore

FIELD reports from Philippine army commanders in the past 48 hours detail substantially-increased communist military activity throughout the Republic.

Western observers read these as a concerted effort by the guerrillas to score major propaganda points against the Marcos regime.

The Communist New People's Army is believed to be targetting mayors of outlying townships in a pointed campaign aimed at undermining the confidence of Marcos officials.

Adding to President Marcos's internal security dilemma are the continuing attacks by the southern Philippine Moslem separatists.

Hostages killed

The bloodiest incident over the past two days has been an attack by some 40 Communist guerrillas in which the entire family of seven of a government official in Bukidnon province were killed with a house guest.

In the same province, Moslem guerrillas who had kidnapped 15 villagers late last week, executed three of them when their relatives refused to meet ransom demands. Reports said that the remaining hostages were released.

Military experts place communist strength in the Philippines at around 12,000 representing an increase of 23 per cent in the last 12 months

Booming economy takes its toll of China's energy

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

A WARNING was given in Peking yesterday against the "blind pursuit" of a high growth rate in China's economic development, from Song Zexing, an economic professor from Liaoning University.

A high growth rate meant strains on energy, transportation and raw materials, he said.

Last year's 14·2 per cent. increase in industrial and agricultural output indicated an "excellent" economic situation, he told the National People's Congress.

But even an 8 per cent. rise in coal and oil production failed to ease the energy strain, he said.

Song pointed out that an increase in wages for people, plus increased income for peasants, "brought a great pressure to bear on the market."

His words echoed those of Premier Zhao Ziyang, who told the Congress last week that China must "on no account" rush headlong into mass action with no regard to what State and society were capable of.

Meanwhile, in a bid to wipe out finally the egalitarianism of Mao Tse-Tung, the State is in the process of drastically revising the wages system for workers.

China is aiming to break the so-called "iron rice bowl" practice whereby everybody takes money from a central "big pot" with salaries largely based on seniority.

Record imports

Vice-Premier Tian Jiyun described it as one of the "major hindrances" of the current reforms.

He said that a system in which wages were mainly related to work performance was being introduced, with July 1 the target date for the system to come into effect in State departments.

But he added it was impossible to ensure large increases initially because of China's limited financial resources. Rumours that wage reform had been abandoned or watered down to "an equal rise for everyone" were false, he said.

Chen Muhua, the new president of the People's Bank of China has confirmed that at the beginning of this year China's total foreign exchange reserves were $14·42 billion (£11·6 billion), a fall of $2·25 billion. (£1·8 billion) in four months.

The money has been spent on a record number of imports, especially technology from the West.

CHINA DENIES ACCESS TO EX-BISHOP

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

CHINA has refused to allow a high-level delegation of visiting Roman Catholics access to one of its most noted religious prisoners, the 84-year-old former Bishop of Shanghai.

Ignatius Gong has been behind bars since his arrest in Sept. 1955. He was jailed for life in 1960 for leading a so-called "counter-revolutionary clique under the cloak of religion."

He was held in a labour camp in Anhui province, but is now said to be living in relatively privileged conditions at the British-built jail in Shanghai.

The Most Rev. John Baptist Wu, Bishop of Hongkong, has just visited the port, the first Catholic Bishop from Hongkong to tour China since 1949.

Exchanged views

He said his delegation had made repeated requests for permission to visit Bishop Gong, but the Chinese refused to entertain the idea.

Bishop Wu said he had "frankly and sincerely" exchanged views with the Chinese authorities on various religious problems.

The Chinese authorities have also denied a visit to the country's leading dissident, Wei Jingsheng, who is in a labour camp in Chinghai, the so-called "Gulag" province.

A Chinese-American writer, Liang Heng, a former Red Guard who co-authored the book, "Son of the Revolution," tried to see Wei during a tour of China that has just ended.

The interview was denied but authorities gave him the first official account of Wei's condition since his arrest in 1979.

"I was told Wei is in the Chaidam Pendi region of Chinghai," Liang said. "He is exempt from hard work and spends his days reading."

Wei, now 34, editor of an underground journal, was jailed for 15 years for "counter-revolutionary crimes" after publishing wall posters and articles criticising the political system in China.

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Indemnity for police in Australian phone taps

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

THE IMPACT of organised crime in Australia is again making the headlines after a lull of several months in the wake of the publication of the Costigan Royal Commission report.

Last week the government, with obvious reluctance, agreed to set up what amounts to another royal commission to investigate what has become known as the Age tapes, involving tape recordings and thousands of pages of transcripts, the product of illegal police telephone taps of leading political, legal, financial and criminal figures.

These were first published in part in the Age newspaper in Melbourne and led to the establishment of two Senate select committees and committal proceedings against Mr Justice Murphy of the High Court.

With even greater reluctance the government has agreed to the indemnity of prosecution for the police officers involved.

Seven specified

The police will now be given indemnities where Mr Justice Stewart, the Royal Commissioner, recommends that granting them would lead to the prosecution of criminals as a result of evidence gained because of the tapes.

Each of the 31 New South Wales police officers seeking indemnity are reported to have signed the forms specifying the names of seven people regarded as leaders of organised crime in Australia.

An important High Court decision last week has ruled that information obtained from the illegal tapping of telephone conversations can be used to support evidence, with the trial judge having the right to decide its admissability.

Wran denial

Part of the problem confronting the police in the battle against crime is the penetration of the force itself. A hundred police officers are under investigation, it was revealed at the weekend, for suspected involvement in corruption and crime, including drugs offences.

Repeated allegations have been made that the late Sir Robert Askin, a former Liberal party premier of New South Wales, was deeply involved in corruption.

Even Mr Neville Wran, the State Labour Premier, has been accused under parliamentary privilege of having been responsible for a $15,000 bribe to Sir Robert on behalf of a Filipino entrepreneur.

Anyone who believed the allegations, Mr Wran said, "would be prepared to believe the Pope was a Jew."

Crime, whether organised or not, continues to increase at an alarming rate. More than a million Australians, or one in every 15, were the victims of crime in 1983, the latest year for which figures are available. Most of the crimes involved violence.

FALKLANDS ANNIVERSARY EXERCISE

By Our Port Stanley Correspondent

On the third anniversary of the invasion of the Falklands by Argentine forces, British Forces in the Islands have commenced "a large-scale military exercise" designed to test the quick reactions of the three services against attack.

The local Falkland Islands Defence Force is also involved, "guarding" government and public buildings in Port Stanley, much in the way they did three years ago.

Throughout the three-day exercise there will be "increased ground and air activity, including low flying, and simulated attacks by ground forces."

ROULETTE DEATH CLAIM REJECTED

The Sydney widow of a private detective who killed himself while playing Russian roulette at work has lost a claim for worker's compensation.

Counsel for Janine Chick, 32, claimed her husband, Robert, died in Dec., 1979 while using equipment provided by his employer or alternatively that having a revolver in his hand was part of his job. The compensation commission judge rejected both claims.—Reuter.

SWISS SKIERS DIE

By Our Geneva Correspondent

Four Swiss skiers aged 25 to 28 died in hospital yesterday after being swept off a mountainside near Ovronnaz, Switzerland by an avalanche on Sunday. The deaths bring the avalanche death toll in the canton of Valais to 20.

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MINISTER NAMES 6 SITES FOR SECOND SEVERN ROAD CROSSING

By COLIN RANDALL

A SECOND road crossing of the Severn Estuary, if given Government approval, would be built at one of six sites south of the existing bridge, Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, indicated yesterday.

He said that the possible sites for a new bridge or tunnel lay within two broad corridors, one between the Severn Bridge and Dun Sands, and the other at English Stones, north of Avonmouth.

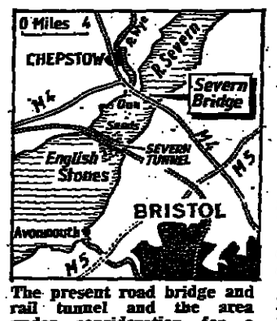
Mr Ridley's statement came in a Parliamentary answer to Mr Jonathan Sayeed (Con., Bristol East).

The sites were recommended for further study in a report, published yesterday, of the first phase of a £2,100,000 research programme by the Second Severn Crossing Study group.

However, Mr Ridley said he had ruled out a third corridor, between English Stones and Avonmouth, also recommended for further study by the consultants, W. S. Atkins and Partners and G. Maunsell and Partners.

All three options in the third corridor were "clearly more expensive in terms of capital costs," said Mr Ridley, and he thought it fairer to remove any uncertainty.

A wide range of political, industrial and business opinions on both sides of the Bristol Channel has been lobbying the Government to support a second road crossing.



The present road bridge and rail tunnel and the area under consideration for a new crossing.

The Severn Bridge, built for £11 million, was opened in 1966, but has had vastly greater traffic flow than expected.

More than 33,000 vehicles use the bridge daily, and this is likely to increase to the projected maximum of 50,000 by the turn of the century.

One highly-publicised report on the bridge's problems suggest that in the most extreme conditions of weather and traffic load, the bridge could even collapse. Ministers are critical of the "very selective" subsequent use of this reference.

Visiting the maintenance centre near the bridge yesterday Mrs Chalker, Transport Minister, said a £33 million strengthening and repair programme approved last year had been finalised in broad outline up to 1989. Contracts for preliminary work had gone to tender.

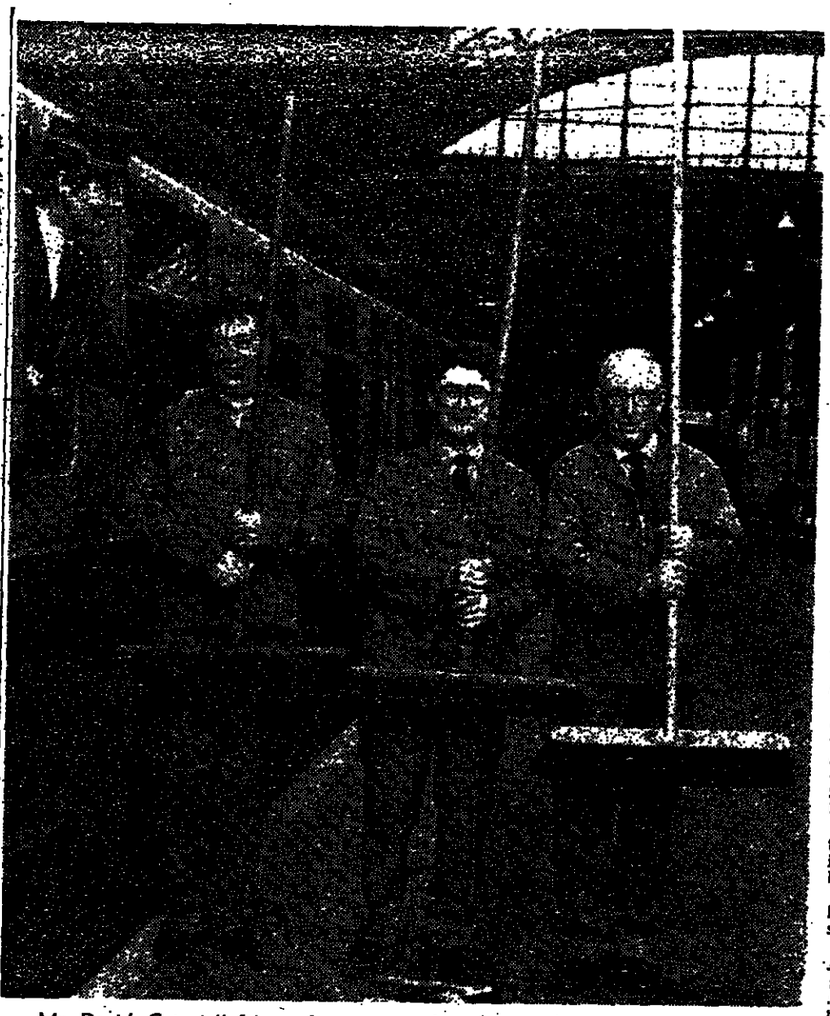
Lane closures

Every effort would be made to minimise lane closures caused by the work. During 1985, single lane closures would be limited to night time, off-peak daytime and weekends. Bank Holidays would be avoided and closures between June and August would be at night.

Mrs Chalker could not rule out the possibility of short periods of complete closure during the four-year programme, though she hoped this would not be necessary. She described the bridge as a "victim of its own success," but considered that strengthening would give it an "indefinite" lifespan.

Last week, the Energy Department announced that £110,000 Government funding had been agreed towards investigating of a second possible site for an electricity-generating Severn barrage. Coincidentally at English Stones.

Asked if the prospect of a dual-purpose barrage and road crossing was becoming prominent in Government thinking, Mrs Chalker replied: "It is a possibility, but only out of many. The barrage is at present being investigated solely as an energy-saving project."



Mr David Cates (left), a former guardsman, presenting his new style of arms at Victoria station in London yesterday when as a "customer care supervisor" he went into uniform with his squad.

Flying squad of cleaners for BR

By Our Transport Correspondent

FLYING squads of "super cleaners" are to be recruited by British Rail to refresh the parts of Southern Region stations that other cleaners cannot reach.

The scheme will create an extra 90 jobs and follows plans to spend £20 million renovating and repainting 281 stations and improving conditions at the other 282.

The cleaners, dressed in distinctive uniforms, will get to the high areas, including roofs and places where pigeons perch and leave droppings.

The first squad will be stationed permanently at Victoria Station, where the success of the Gatwick Express has displaced Waterloo as the busiest station on Southern Region.

"Victoria needs a full-time squad because it really is a 'Forth Bridge' situation," said ex-guardsman Mr David Cates, one of three "Customers Care Supervisors" at the London terminus.

"As soon as you have swept through on one cleaning routine it is time to start again at the beginning."

In other areas, the teams will be mobile going from station to station.

Southern Region said: "While station staff will still be responsible for keeping platforms and waiting areas swept, ticket halls tidy and windows clean, the flying squads will deal with the less accessible but easily seen parts of the station."

CANCELLED TRAINS

Eastern Region cancelled 71 of 2,225 scheduled commuter services last week, Southern 75 out of 4,710, London Midland eight of 1,205 and Western two of 500.

RUNWAY REPAIRS FOR R A F BASE

Fifty Canberra bombers and 500 Service personnel are moving out of the R A F base at Wyton, Cambs, while the runway is resurfaced.

The entire flying contingent is moving five miles down the road to the U S A F Alconbury base. The work is expected to take seven months.

U-TURN ON SINGLE TRACKS

By Our Transport Correspondent

BRITISH RAIL is to back down from many of its proposals to convert some routes to single-track working because it is clear the financial savings would be offset by unacceptable loss of punctuality in services.

It is a triumph for the public watchdog bodies, including area committees and the Central Transport Consultative Committee.

It also shows B R has taken to heart lessons learned from the disastrous timetable alterations on some Southern and Eastern commuter routes nearly a year ago.

Changes that looked possible in theory produced disastrous results, with timetables thrown into chaos by even the smallest incident.

Maintenance savings

Among plans to switch from double-track to single-track working that have been abandoned are a nine-mile stretch of the London-Norwich line, a 25-mile length of the Carlisle-Newcastle route and a West Country section of the Bristol-Portsmouth line.

Also being reconsidered is a plan to switch 19 miles of the Wrexham-Bidston route to single track.

But B R is still considering ripping up the second line on many routes. The aim is to save money on maintenance.

"There is plenty of evidence to suggest that levels of punctuality deteriorate sharply when Central Committee. Singling lines are singled" says the also cuts out flexibility in timetables, often leading to reduced services, withdrawal of through trains and missed connections because of poor timekeeping."

Timetable choice

Going to single-track operation often makes it hard to cater for both local and long-distance passengers, so B R has to make a choice on which to serve when planning timetables.

Single-tracking has other drawbacks, because it is harder to provide alternative routes in an emergency or when essential track work has to be done.

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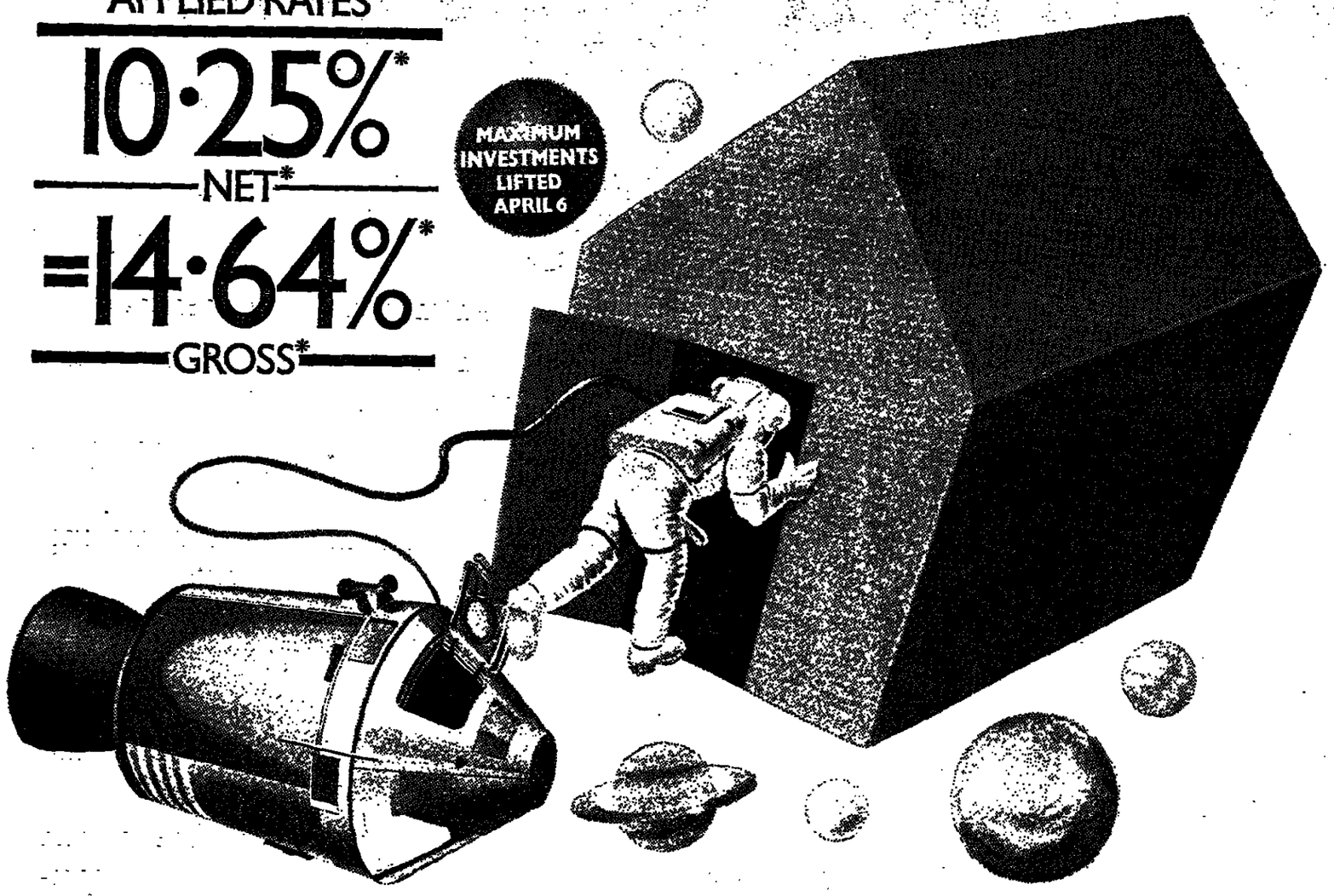

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Training-film makers 'face copyright ruin'

By HARVEY LEE Television Staff

THE Government Green Paper proposing a levy on blank video tape and changes in the copyright laws was called "the death knell" of the £8 million-a-year training film industry yesterday.

Mr Peter Ross, chairman of the Training Film and Video Association, representing eight major production houses, said:

"The Green Paper, in its current form, is an incentive to illegal copying. Around £6½ million could be lost by our members."

The Green Paper, introduced in February, recommends a maximum levy of five per cent. on a blank video tape, or 25p on a £5 three-hour tape, entitling the purchaser to record any broadcast or pre-recorded material for personal use.

The £5 million a year likely to be raised would be distributed to copyright owners as compensation for home taping.

Those with particular interest in the proposals have until the end of the month to respond to the proposals, which will then be incorporated in a new Copyright Bill for the next session of Parliament.

Definition failure

Mr Eben Foggitt, the association's legal adviser, said: "The Green Paper fails to define "personal use" and "pre-recorded material" and expressly includes the blanket right to copy 'for teaching purposes.'"

Tape manufacturers and feature film distributors are opposed to the paper. The makers of educational and industrial training videos say the implications are serious because of the limited nature of the market.

Some 80 per cent. of the industry's output is on videotape, the association claims.

The group also fears that the proposals would make pursuing pirates "prohibitively expensive," placing the burden of proof on the producer to establish that copying was for other than "personal use."

Mr Ross said his members would now lobby Parliament, submit evidence to the Trade and Industry Department, and seek legal opinion on the effects of the potential Act on existing copyright law.

MAN CRIPPLED IN LADDER FALL GETS £200,000

A window cleaner who must spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair after a fall from a 36ft extension ladder, won £200,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Kelsey, 21, of Thurlston Avenue, Morden, Surrey, damaged his spine in the fall, while cleaning windows in Baker Street in August 1982.

The damages are to be paid by his employers Cleanplan Maintenance Services of Kingston upon Thames, who denied liability.

£8m PLAN TO BOOST BBC SIGNAL

By Our T V and Radio Staff

THE B B C is to spend £8 million on a new transmitting station in the Seychelles island of Mahé, to improve reception of the World Service and broadcasts in Swahili and Somali to East Africa.

Work is to begin this year on two 300 kilowatt transmitters which should be on stream by 1988, relaying programmes from London for 18 hours daily.

The need for a transmitter to put the B B C on par with foreign language broadcasts from the Soviet Union, Germany, America and South Africa, was agreed in 1978.

But the plan was shelved in 1979 when the new Conservative government ordered cutbacks.

In 1981, B B C services in Spanish, Italian and Maltese were dropped to pay for a relay station in the Seychelles capable of reaching as far as South Africa.

'Loyal' audience

Mr Austen Kark, managing director, B B C External Services, said yesterday that the B B C signal "is nowhere near as strong as we would like it to be in East Africa.

"Our audience there is loyal and large, but nothing like as much if we were heard as clearly as some other overseas broadcasters."

The transmitter will be on a renewable 25-year lease.

FARMING IMPACT SURVEY STARTS

A survey to determine how much damage farming is causing to the countryside and how much effort is being put into conservation was launched by the Agriculture Ministry yesterday. Results are expected in July.

More than 6,500 farmers have been asked about how much woodland they own, how many trees they have felled and how many have been planted. There are also questions about drainage, hedgerows, and wildlife.

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By Our Air Correspondent

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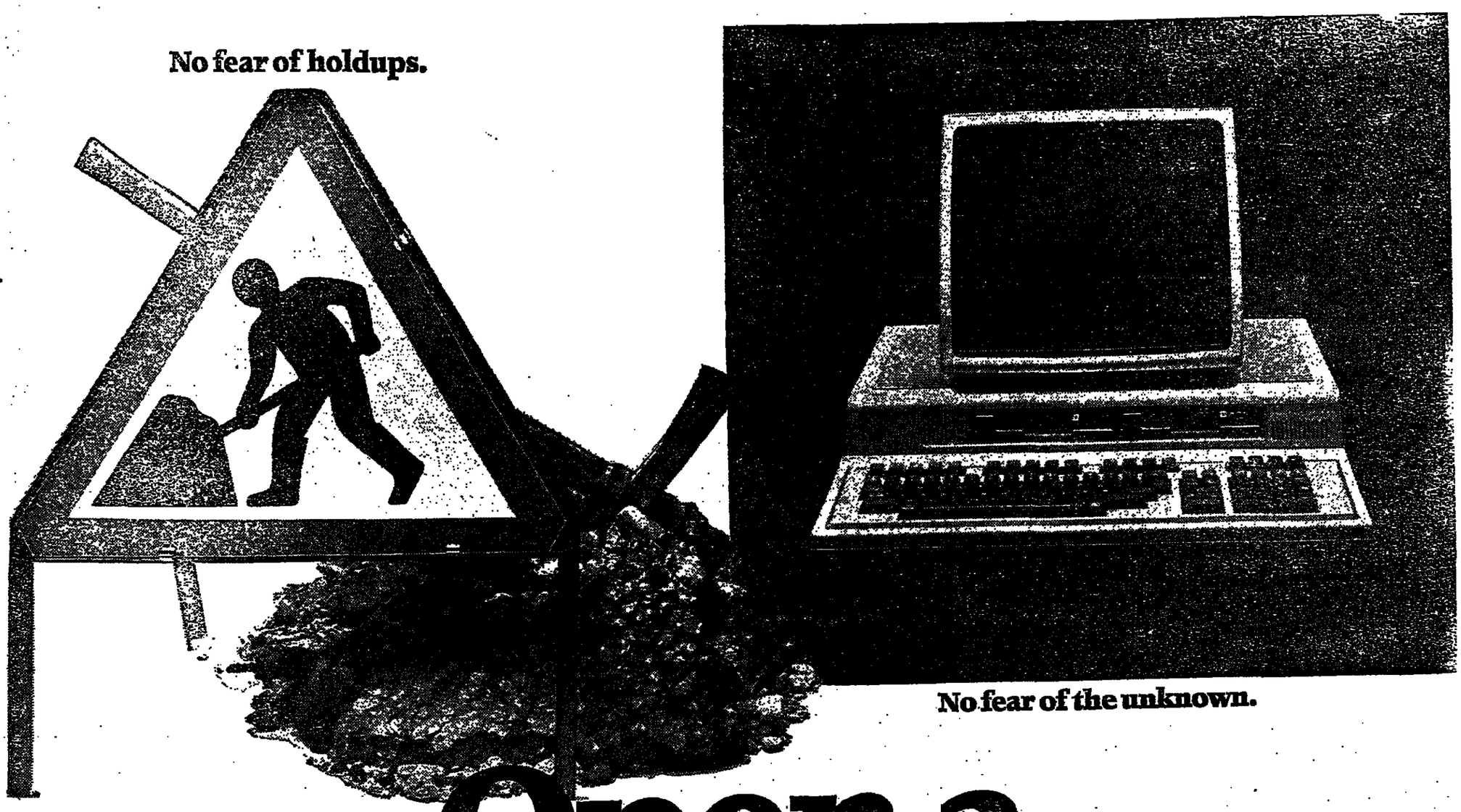

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CALL TO GAS BOARD MINUTES BEFORE FATAL EXPLOSION

A SURVIVOR of the explosion which killed eight people in a block of flats on Putney Hill told an inquest at Westminster Coroner's Court yesterday that she had called the gas board minutes before to report a strong smell of gas.

The jury heard a transcript of the call to the Segas control centre in Croydon, made my Mrs ANNE SECROFT, of Newnham House at 7.02 a.m. on Jan. 10.

She said she could smell gas in the corridor outside her flat and the smell was filling the flat.

She was not told to evacuate her home, but to ventilate it as much as possible.

Mr JOHN COCKLE, a Segas service engineer of Wimbledon, said he was in bed when he was called at 7.05 a.m. about the suspected leak at the flats, which are on the Manor Fields estate.

It took him 15 minutes to reach the flats a mile away, but by then the explosion had occurred. "I can only have been a few minutes late," he said.

He said he was usually called out to about 50 suspected gas leaks a week and every call was treated seriously. The emergency at Newham House was handled in the same way as other emergencies.

Blinding flash

A statement was read out from IAN CONNOR, 15, of Hayward Gardens, Putney, who was passing the Manor Fields estate at the time of the explosion. He said he had been a bit late starting his newspaper round, and described "a blinding blue flash" in front of him and a deafening bang.

Mrs Ashcroft, a musician, who lived at No. 12 with her husband, Michael, and three-year-old daughter, said she had rung the gas board while her husband warned neighbours. "We were both in the bathroom when there was a massive explosion, the whole flat shook."

The stairs outside their flat were blown away by the explosion, she said, but the family managed to escape.

Mrs Ashcroft said new gas central heating boilers had been installed in the flats during 1982 and 1983. Since then she had made two calls to the gas board until today, and a third call relating to a gass fire in the sitting room.

The eight who died in the explosion were Mrs PHYLLIS EMBERSON, 77, her husband MAURICE, 74, who lived in 11 Newnham House; Mrs CASSANDRA WEEKS, 85, of No. 6; Mr PANAYOTIS MITROPOULOS, 39, a shipping executive of No. 2; Mrs ELSIE KELLERMAN, 65, of No 4; Mrs JANET WILKS, 70, and her husband NORMAN, 68, of No. 7, and Miss KAREN KREICI, 30, a gaming inspector of No 9.

Dr RUFUS CROMPTON, pathologist, said the victims died from multiple injuries, including crush injuries. He pinpointed the centre of the blast at No. 7, because Mrs Wilks showed blast injuries.

Gas main fracture

Miss ELIZABETH GYNGELL, principal inspector for the Health and Safety Executive, said that four lines of inquiry were followed during the investigation of the explosion. They checked appliance defects inside the flat, installation of pipe work inside the flat, meter and service pipes and gas main failure.

Eventually, tests showed that the problem had started in a gas main. When the main was dug up, a fracture covering 75 per cent. of the pipe's circumference was discovered. The foil on top of it had turned a greyish colour, which indicated a gas leak.

The gas main had been fractured for a number of reasons, which included the bad condition of the service road, which had some cracks in it, a concrete drain which lay on top of the gas main and the frozen ground on top of the main, which caused the gas to find another path, other than through the ground, to make its escape.

The gas travelled along the pipe and found gaps which led it into the building through flat No. 7.

The inquest was adjourned until today.

Members of Friends of the Earth supporting Farmer Mark Purdey (centre) and his pantomime cow in their protest in London yesterday over the chemical spraying demanded by the Ministry of Agriculture.

'Sun' criticised for publishing Best's prison diary

THE SUN has been criticised by the Press Council for buying and publishing the prison diary of George Best, the former footballer.

The council says the newspaper broke the council's declaration which forbids payments for feature articles to persons engaged in crime or other notorious misbehaviour, unless they are warranted by public interest.

In a statement yesterday, the council said the SUN carried the story of Mr Best's release from prison and of his first few hours at a hotel with his girlfriend and throughout the following week published excepts from his prison diary.

Single lapse

Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, the editor, told the council that his newspaper had considered the declaration on chequebook journalism carefully before deciding to pay for Mr Best's account of his time in prison.

In the newspaper's opinion, the declaration had not been broken because although Mr Best was convicted of a crime and serving a sentence when the SUN negotiated with him, he was not a person engaged in crime or notorious misbehaviour. He was a public figure paying the penalty for a single lapse.

In view of his standing, particularly with young people, the SUN believed publication of his account of prison life and its reformative effect on him was plainly in the public interest in dissuading fans from imitating his criminal conduct, Mr MacKenzie said.

He said they were encouraged in the view that the articles did not infringe the declaration by the number of newspapers which accepted the council's guidelines, as the SUN did, but judged it proper to bid against them for Mr Best's story.

The Press Council ruled: "This is a different case from that where a long term criminal sells his story, but the editor's defence that the writer was not engaged in crime is not substantiated.

"There could well be other circumstances in which a newspaper might decide properly to buy articles by or about Mr Best as a famous footballer and well-known public figure, but the occasion and reason for the purchase in this case was that he had been sent to prison for three months for driving after drinking more than the permitted amount of alcohol, assaulting a policeman, and failing to surrender to bail.

"The Press Council has consistently taken the view that it is wrong that people convicted of criminal offences should benefit from those offences by payments from newspapers.

"Over many years, the Press Council has distinguished between matters which if published may be of interest to the public and those which ought to be published in the public interest. In the Press Council's view Mr Best's reminiscences of prison life may well be the former but they are not the latter.

"It was wrong of the "Sun" to pay for them and publish them."

COW PEST FIGHT SETTLED

MR MARK PURDEY, an organic farmer, settled his High Court fight with the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday over the best way to beat the warble-fly pest.

The Ministry wanted to spray his herd of 85 Jersey cows with organo-phosphorus chemicals to stop the fly from laying its eges under the skin of the animals.

But Mr Purdey, 31, of Dene Farm, Halse, Taunton, Somerset, claimed it would endanger the health of both the cows and humans.

The Ministry intended to spray the cows after serving him with an enforcement notice because of his failure to comply with the 1981 Animal Health Act.

It held back when Mr Purdey was given leave last week to seek judicial review of the decision.

But shortly after the case began yesterday with a history of the warble-fly, Mr Purdey and the Ministry reached agreement, whereby he will treat the cows with an antibiotic pesticide called Ivomectin.

Slaughtered meat

He also undertook not to use slaughtered meat for 21 days and not to allow milk from the treated cows to be used for human consumption for 28 days.

Outside court, a delighted Mr Purdey, who was accompanied by supporters, including a pantomime cow, said: "It is a victory, because I do not have to use what they wanted.

"I am not totally happy about using the pesticide, but it is certainly better.

"It will have temporary side effects, which is quite worrying."

Mr Chris Rosie, a spokesman for the Friends of the Earth, said: "It is a small victory for the organic farmers."

A Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said later that Mr Purdy's claim of victory was "nonsense" and that the case had been unnecessary.

"If he had decided to use this particular antibiotic at the start, all this trouble could have been avoided. But he refused to so do until today."

Dave Clark glad all over £¼m

DAVE CLARK, the pop singer, did not have to pay any tax on the £275,700 he earned in one year, a judge in the High Court ruled yesterday.

Mr JUSTICE NICHOLLS ruled that the Inland Revenue were not entitled to one penny of the money he earned between 1978 and 1979 because Mr Clark, formerly leader of the Dave Clark Five, had stayed out of Britain for the whole of that period. Instead, he lived and worked in Los Angeles.

The aim was to avoid income tax on half a million dollars paid to him by a record company in return for valuable master tapes.

By receiving the money in a lump sum in Britain just before leaving for the States, he also succeeded in not paying tax on it in America.

'Temporary visit'

Dismissing the Inland Revenue appeal, the judge held that Mr Clark, whose biggest hits were "Glad All Over" and "Bits and Pieces," had remained in America long enough to escape the tax-man's net.

The Inland Revenue claimed that Mr Clark's stay in America should be regarded as a temporary visit. During that period he was still legally a resident in the UK and liable to pay income tax.

But the judge said there had been a "distinct break" in the path of Mr Clark's life for just over a year. In that time, he had made Los Angeles his headquarters and did not visit Britain at all.

"Residence abroad for a carefully-chosen limited period is no less residence abroad because a major reason for it was the avoidance of tax," the judge said.

INFORMER CASE IS DROPPED

By COLIN BRADY in Belfast

ANOTHER "supergrass" prosecution collapsed at Belfast yesterday when the key Crown witness retracted his evidence against the accused.

A total of 29 suspects who had faced charges ranging from membership of Loyalist paramilitary organisations, including the Ulster Volunteer Force, to possession of firearms and explosives and conspiracy, walked free from the magistrates court.

Five more defendants also appeared in court but after a prosecution lawyer said the Director of Public Prosecutions would be seeking directions in their cases they were remanded on bail until June. Originally all 34 had been on bail.

They were implicated in a prosecution following information given to the police by John Gibson, a UVF informer, who was jailed last year for his part in four sectarian murders and other terrorist offences.

Last month charges against seven other people implicated by Gibson were withdrawn.

At yesterday's hearing a soliciter representing most of the accused said: "These defendants were charged on the statements, not evidence, of John Frederick Gibson, who has now retracted his evidence and, therefore, there is no evidence of any kind against these people."

Several other "supergrass" prosecutions have been abandoned during the past five years, either because relatives of the informants have been threatened, or because the informant himself has been secretly pressurised inside prison by former colleagues.

Anti-barnacle paint ban on the way

By GODFREY BROWN Agriculture Correspondent

THE Government plans to ban the use of anti-barnacle paint containing organo-tin compounds on boats under 12 metres (39·37ft) long because it is claimed the chemicals poison oysters when they leach into the water.

Paint manufacturers, boat builders, local authorities, and angling and fisheries groups have been sent an Environment Department consultative paper and copies of proposed regulations under the 1974 Control of Pollution Act. They must give their views by May 14.

Because the Act does not give powers to ban the use of particular substances by individual members of the public, the new rules will make it an offence, punishable by a fine of up to £2,000 on summary conviction or unlimited fine on indictment to sell or offer for retail sale any anti-fouling paint containing organo-tin compounds with more than 0·4 per cent. tin.

Sensitive organisms

The kinds of paint believed to be causing problems in the oyster fisheries work by the gradual leaching of the anti-fouling chemical. Although the concentrations of chemicals found in the waters around boats are very small, they may be enough to affect sensitive marine organisms.

The Environment Department says that there has been increasing concern in recent years in the shellfish industry about the poor quality and reduced meat yield of stocks.

The commercially-grown Pacific oyster has been particularly affected. An Environment Department spokesman said the difficulties were acute where oyster fisheries and moorings for pleasure craft shared a stretch of water.

These waters were usually shallow, often with little interchange with the open sea, so the capacity to dilute pollutants to harmless levels was limited.

Ministry studies

He said studies on the effects of organo-tin components on oysters had been conducted at the Burnham-on-Crouch Fisheries Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, and also in France by its Scientific and Technical Sea Fish Institute.

Anti-fouling paints containing organo-tin compounds are popular among small boat owners because they can be supplied in a wide range of colours.

The ban on their use on boats under 12 metres long will not apply to boats made from aluminium and aluminium alloys and those with power units which have these metals in their transmissions. This exemption is necessary because of the possible corrosion of these metals by alternative, copper-based anti-fouling compounds.

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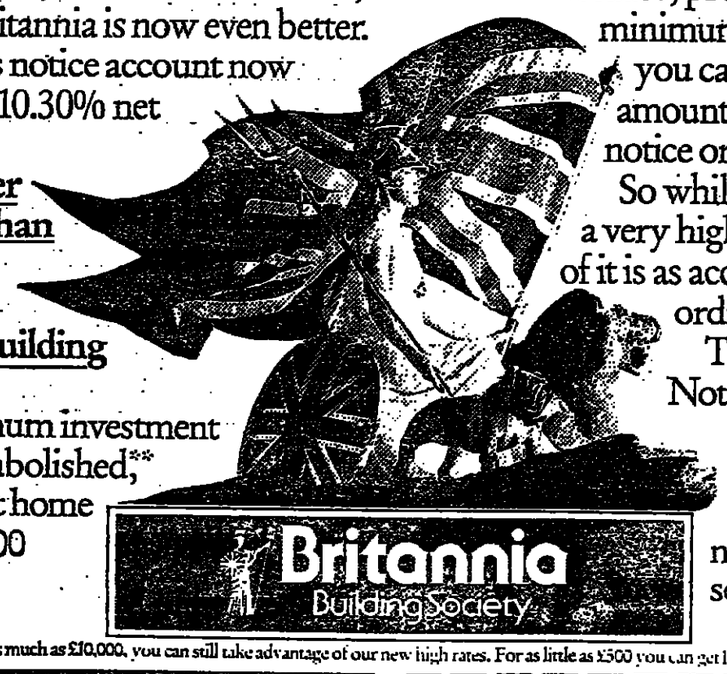

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The report forecast that by the next decade the demand can only be met by an increased capacity in the south-east, which means expanding Stansted Airport and building a fifth terminal at Heathrow.

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SNUB TO THATCHER HARMED OXFORD, SAYS CAMBRIDGE

By JOHN SHAW

OXFORD University's decision to refuse Mrs Thatcher an honorary degree in January was "deplorable," said the CAMBRIDGE REVIEW, *an influential independent publication, published yesterday.*

"It was the result of pique and of misunderstanding the nature of the honour offered," said comment in the Review, which has a wide intellectual readership.

Oxford was harmed "by giving itself a totally unwarranted and undesirable political alignment as an institution," but Mrs Thatcher was not harmed by the incident, said the magazine.

The subject itself was fairly trivial "but it is emblematic, and to that extent deserves the widespread unfavourable comment it has received."

The politicisation of the University was one of the most notable and regrettable aspects *of the affair," it said.*

It was a matter of judgment for the Government to allocate resources to universities among many other claimants.

'Reward for favours'

One might well disagree with that and other judgments, but no one ever thought that giving an honorary degree implied agreement with everything the recipient did or said.

Some Oxford wons were complaining because their own research was, in their opinion, under-funded.

"Is an Oxford honorary degree to a politician in future, therefore, only to be reward for favours received? Can Oxford ever honour a Prime Minister again?

"Could a Prime Minister ever honourably accept in future what will inevitably appear to be grateful thanks?"

Mrs Thatcher was not unlike a good many academics who, if they were any good, were innovative in their own subjects however conservative elsewhere.

"We are articulate, intellectual, combative, very many of us from the lower middle class grammar school stratum, largely self-made on the basis of genetics and environmental good luck.

'Outstanding courage'

"We are used to disagreement and tend to think our own subjects are the most important, especially if their importance can be measured by the size of grants they need.

"The Prime Minister has many academic characteristics, as well as her outstanding courage and vigour, and her capacity to represent the feelings of many ordinary people.

"So with the Prime Minister and the Oxford done it, is rather a case of Greek meeting Greek.

"It is a pity that Oxford could not recognise something of its own image and the value of innovation and dissent.

"The mistake in Oxford was in politicising what should have been a gracous and graceful recognition of one of the most outstanding people of our age ducated in Oxford."

But the democratic process which produced the mistake should be cherished, said the article.

In no other university except Cambridge did senior members have an opportunity to express their views and affect policies to anything like the same extent.

'Calm down' plea to Tory students

By SARAH THOMPSON
Education Staff

THE Federation of Conservative Students was given a gentle warning by its Parliamentary sponsors yesterday that "high spirits" were acceptable only up to a point.

Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South, who with Mr Alan Howarth, MP for Stratford-on-Avon, is an honorary vice-president of the controversial student wing of the Conservative party, said at the federation's conference at Loughborough that the "enemy within" was "not to be found among ex-Cabinet Ministers"—a veiled reference to the federation's plan to remove Mr Heath as its life patron.

The decision is very unlikely to be ratified by the party's National Union, and is condemned by many back-bench MPs as "insolent."

Mrs Currie said later that although the decision was in itself "inappropriate," much of the federation's behaviour was no more than "student pranks."

'Just reaction'

She said: "I don't believe any of these young people really want, for example, to legalise marijuana and heroin.

"They are just reacting against the mainstream far-Right world of student politics.

"In fact, a few headlines about the wilder ideas in the FCS does it no harm. It keeps them in the public eye. And Tory support in colleges is growing all the time."

She added: "Even if some of their more libertarian ideas might attract the wrong sort of people, you can't choose the *people who join your party."*

Mr Marc-Henri Glendening, national chairman of the federation, said: "It is essential that we establish healthy internal competition and devote our vindictive and destructive talents towards the Left.

"All the relatives of the Conservative family deserve a place in the sun.

"Let us abandon the use of smear campaigns, deliberate distortions and personal abuse and show a willingness to engage in honest debate."

Universities accused of being high-minded

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

MR PETER BROOKE, Higher Education Minister, *ticked off universities yesterday for high*-handed treatment of students, staff and people who make complaints about low standards, overspending, biased teaching and other matters.

Mr Peter Brooke

"Such complaints come in a variety of shapes and sizes —unfair treatment in examinations, academic inadequacy or neglect, financial extravagance, political bias in teaching," he said.

"Universities too often react in a negative or defensive way that does them no good, whatever the substance of the complaint.

"Universities are privileged *institutions with a very signi*ficant degree of self government. It is important that they should take complaints seriously and be seen to do so," he said, directing his audience of university information officers to get together with vice-chancellors to make universities more open and accountable to the public.

Adult skills

In a speech which stressed the need for universities to raise more cash themselves, and to justify the £5,500 million of taxpayers' money now spent on higher education and research, Mr Brooke offered a small nugget of financial comfort.

He announced a new grant of £20.000 per university over the next two terms to help them set up short courses to update *adults' working skills.*

This extension of the Government's Pickup scheme from the public sector into the universities will not provide any more than starter funds. The universities will be expected to *run the courses on a commer*cial basis.

The Pickup money will set up courses mainly for industrial managers, and help co-ordinate the universities' efforts in this market with local polytechnics and technical colleges.

Mr Brooke said the Government, and now the institutions themselves, were taking this "continuing education" aspect of their work very seriously. The universities' job was not just to teach 18 to 21-year-olds.

"The Government has made no secret of the fact that it sees enormous challenges for higher education," he said, adding that he could not promise the universities any relief from the pressures under which they now operate.

£4m SHIPS REFIT REVIVES YARD

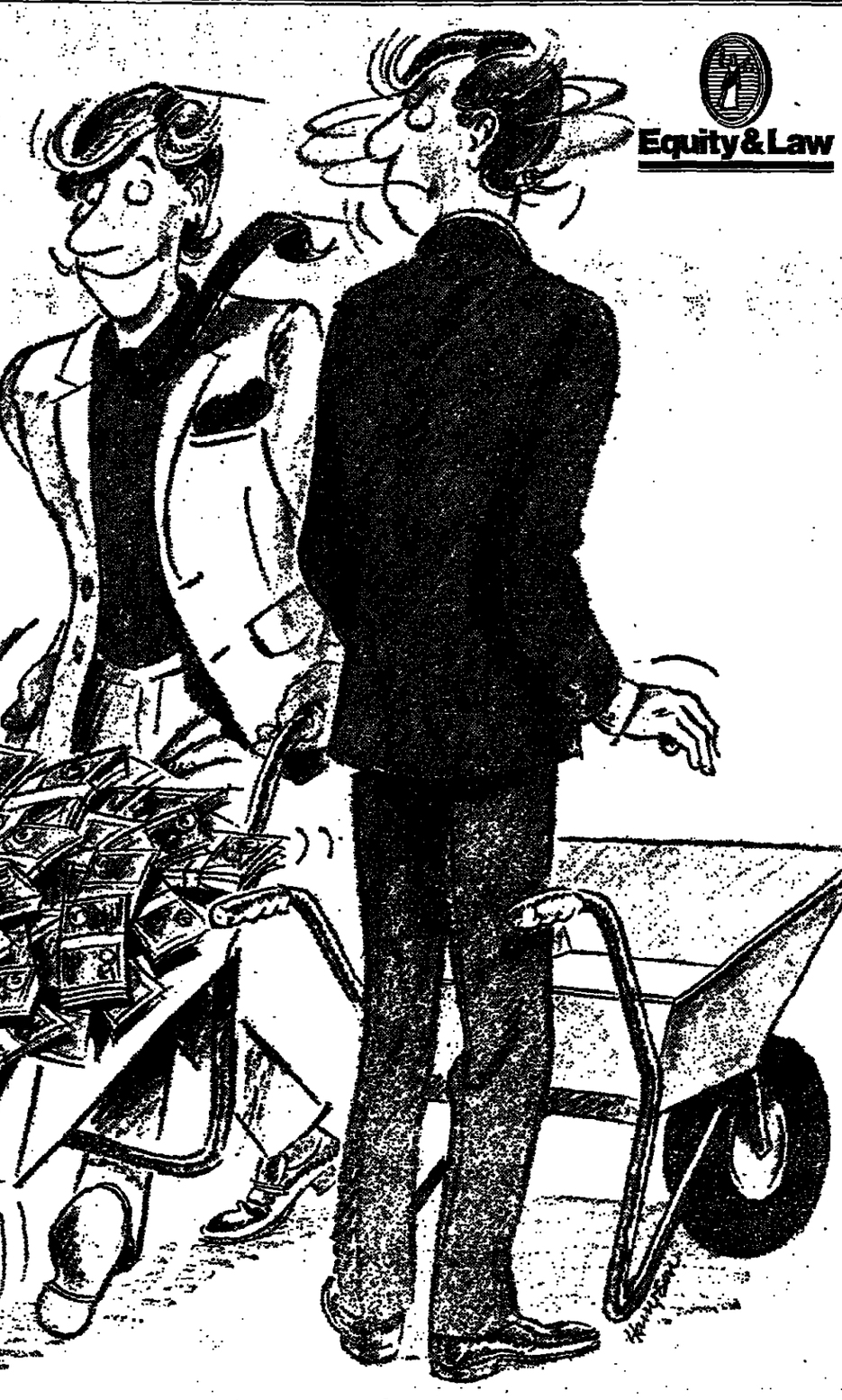
By Our Shipping Correspondent

A £4 million order to convert two stern trawlers for North Sea oilfield work is to bring the Redheads repair yard in South Shields back into use. A worker-owned company collapsed there recently.

The yard has been taken over by Tyne Dock Engineering, which said the order from Seaboard Offshore of Scotland would provide work for 100 men for four months. Priority will be given to former Readheads worker shareholders.

CONQUEROR BACK

The submarine Conqueror, which sank the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano is to be recommissioned at a ceremony at Devonport Dockyard on April 20 after a two-year, £90 million refit.



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DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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HAYWARD.—On March 31, suddenly at his home in Sandbridge, Hampshire, DESMOND LESLIE, aged 64 years, much loved husband of Eve and loving father of Pat. Funeral service Salisbury Crematorium, Tuesday, April 9, at 12.56 p.m. Family flowers only.

HENDERSON.—On March 30, 1985, in hospital, JOAN, aged 78 years, of Kensington Close, Halifax, the dearly loved wife of the late Dunpid and loving mother of the late Sheila. Service at the Lawrence Chapel next Green Hayes, Bell Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, April 3, at 3 p.m., followed by cremation at Park Wood, Elland. Family flowers only, please.

HERBERT.—On March 31, suddenly in Jesse, Spain, HERBERT C. HERBERT (Bertie), aged 84 years. Deeply mourned by *family and friends.*

HILLARY.—On March 27, at Thurne, Norfolk, HERBERT EVANS, aged 81, formerly of Eastbourne, loved husband of Edna and father of Marlyn. At his request funeral private and gifts in lieu to Bowyers to The *Christadelphian* Home and Hospital, Shenbourne Road, Alcocks Green, Birmingham.

HORLOCK.—On March 30, suddenly at Milford-on-Sea, KATHLEEN, aged 76 years, beloved wife of the late Wing Commander N. A. HORLOCK (R.A.F.). Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, April 10, at 3.45 p.m.

HOY.—On March 30, 1985, in hospital, HILDA CONSTANCE, of Rosemere Lodge, Ipswich, formerly of Chesterton Court Kew Road, Richmond, beloved godmother of Peter Misselbrook. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium (West Chapel) on Wednesday, April 3, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Eastleton & Hastings Funeral service, Bergey Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

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Inquiry sees no return to 'golden age' of state funding

ABRUPT POLICY CHANGES 'THRUST CRISES' ON UNIVERSITIES

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

A COMMITTEE which included Sir Robin Ibbs, the Prime Minister's adviser on efficiency, has told the Government to stop "thrusting crises" on universities by sudden short-term changes of course.

Its report, published today, also urges the Government to restore longer-term funding, similar to the five-year grants universities enjoyed up to the mid-70s when rising inflation helped to stop this kind of forward planning.

The committee is also highly critical of the waste of money and resources found in universities and believes they should be more accountable.

It warns universities that it would be "quite unrealistic to envisage a return to some golden age of rapidly rising State funding."

The 13-man committee was chaired by Sir Alex Jarratt, chairman of Reed International and Chancellor of Birmingham University.

His report seeks:

To introduce arrangements for the development, appraisal and accountability of university staff;

To cut down the number of committee meetings and members and delegate more authority to university officers. Present meetings tend to waste academic time;

To extend the role of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors in training to develop the management skills of vice-chancellors, pro-vice-chancellors, deans and heads of department;

To recognise the vice-chancellor, not simply as the academic leader of the university but also as its chief executive;

To have more informal meetings of a confidential nature between individual vice-chancellors and University Grants Committee chiefs;

To change the method of channelling student fees and grants in order to save money.

Grants system 'costs £1 m-a-year to run'

The full 26 recommendations, directed at Government, the University Grants Committee, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and the universities themselves, will produce almost as big a shake-up of universities as Sir Keith Joseph's White Paper produced for schools last week.

The Committee was set up a year ago by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors to conduct a series of efficiency studies on university management. It looked at six universities in detail; Edinburgh, Essex, Loughborough, Nottingham, Sheffield and University College, London.

On Student fees and grants, the Jarratt Report found that present arrangements, where student fees and maintenance grants are paid by each student's local authority to the university and then by the university to the student, cost about £1 million a year.

It costs the universities about £500,000 to operate the present scheme and around the same amount is spent in administration by local authorities.

Consultants appointed by the committee to undertake the studies at individual universities pointed out that it would be "simplier for fees to be paid by the UGC as part of the block grant."

The report adds: "This would not close off any future options for fees for example absorbing them in block grant, converting them to form part of a unit cost based system, moving to a loan approach.

"We agree that this possibility should be considered by the Secretary of State, and that a natural extension of any such examination would be to reconsider the involvement of local education authorities in the payment of the means-tested maintenance grants."

Excellence 'must be universities' aim'

The report says clearly that the international status and quality of life enjoyed by Britain today are due to a large extent to the excellence of her universities in the past.

"Serious consequences would follow if excellence ceased to be their objective, or if they were deprived of the ability to pursue it," the report says.

But it adds: "So far as the universities are concerned, we share their conviction that academic excellence is crucially dependent on academic freedom. But they should be on their guard against confusing freedom with licence."

The universities should become far more accountable. "Quite apart from the fact that it is in their own interests to use their resources to the best effect, they have a duty to the general public.

"Only a minority of the population has benefited directly from a university education or can expect their children to do so, yet society as a whole contributes significantly to the cost of universities through taxation.

'Too rapid change hinders efficiency'

"Society needs to be assured that its money is spent to the satisfaction of the authorities which represent it and of the clients the universities serve directly."

It names the "clients" as industry and commerce, the local education authorities, the professions, the schools as well as the present and future students. It says their requirement are "undergoing sweeping changes."

Further sweeping changes were also affecting the preoccupations of the Government and the University Grant Committee in response to the opportunities and problems thrown up by social shifts and rapid technological advances.

"The universities need to show that they are making the appropriate adjustments to their outlook and priorities. Ultimately it is only if they provide these assurances that the universities can expect to receive support on the scale required for the continued effective discharge of their responsibilities."

But Government must also recognise the need for a university system. Universities can scarcely produce any effective forward planning if the Government continues "chopping and changing" at short notice.

The report goes on: "The cuts introduced b vthe Chancellor of the Exchequer in the late summer of 1983 were an acute example of this, as are the uncompensated extra costs imposed in recent budgets; but even the 'new blood' exercise — 930 young dons have been appointed over three years to boost the sciences, information technology and other disciplines — was inadequately signalled for the scheme to be used to maximum effect.

Wider role for grants committee

"If Government has to change the rules, it should give either more notice or a longer period of implementation. Rapid changes in funding are not conductive to efficient use of resources."

Sir Alex Jarratt

In future, universities and the grants committee which distributes block grants according to the needs it ascribes to each university, should between hem produce a plan for future student and staffing levels.

The Jarratt Committee took a close look at the UGC as well and found that its role had changed significantly over the past decade although its terms of reference remained roughly the same.

As a result, the universities now tended to regard the UGC as "a tool of the Department of Education and Science."

The report says: "The UGC is itself a committee advising the Secretary of State, the chairman is formally a Second Permanent Secretary in the DES and the Committee is primarily supported by career civil servants on the DES payroll."

The UGC should voice its views on how it sees higher education developing; it should cement its relationship with the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and increase its meetings with the university system, including the number of confidential meetings it conducts with individual vice-chancellors.

The report casts doubt on the ability of the UGC to carry out these and other proposals and Jarratt found the Committee too small and inadequate. It has recommended that the Government should commission a full inquiry into the role, structure and staffing of the UGC. This should be carried out by an independent body as Jarratt believes that the UGC could not "reasonably be asked to do this for itself."

Every university has been given 12 months to prepare a detailed programme to implement the recommendations contained in the report on a basis agreed with the UGC, which should then monitor their implementations and allocate grants accordingly.

Members of the committee were as follows: Sir Alex Jarratt, Mr J. B. Bamforth, Sir Alan Cullen, chairman, Bell Canada Enterprises and Chairman, Northern Telecom Europe; Prof D. Rimmer, Master of St John's College, Cambridge and Robb Labs, Prime Minister's Adviser on Efficiency; Dr T. L. Jolliffe, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University; Dr G. Lockwood, Registrar and Secretary, Brunel University; Mr P. J. Marshall, Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive, The Plessey Company; Prof P. G. Moore, Principal, London Business School; Prof M. R. Richmond, Vice-Chancellor, Manchester University; Professor Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Chairman of the UGC; Mrs N. Thomson, Director of Finance and Executive Director, Ford Motor Company.

Mr J. Rowles, Head of the Office, Law stood in for Sir Robin Ibbs when he could not attend.

(Report of the Steering Committee for Efficiency Studies in Universities, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, 29, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9EZ. £15 incl p& p.).

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No refunds for foreign students

THOUSANDS of foreign students who were forced to pay higher tuition fees because of a misunderstanding of the law will not be able to claim refunds following a House of Lords ruling yesterday.

The Lords dismissed a test case appeal by a Greek Cypriot Charalambos Orphanos, who is studying for a three-year BSc degree in mechanical engineering at Queen Mary College, London.

Lord Fraser of Tullybelton said the facts of his case were "typical" of many students at colleges and universities throughout the United Kingdom, in the case of Queen Mary College alone, £250,000 was at stake.

Mr Orphanos was hit by Government cuts in subsidies for overseas students. When he began his course in October, 1982, he agreed to pay tuition fees at the overseas rate of £3,600 a year instead of the £480 charged for home students.

At that time, said Lord Fraser, it was generally accepted that the three-year residence period needed to qualify as a home student did not include residence "solely for educational purposes."

But in December, 1982, the Lords decided that that understanding was wrong and that residence solely as a student did qualify.

Mr Orphanos had been living and studying in the United Kingdom for four years before beginning his college course.

But Lord Fraser said Mr Orphanos was not entitled to a refund on his fees.

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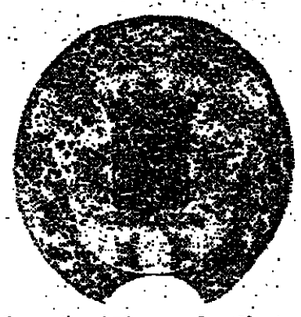

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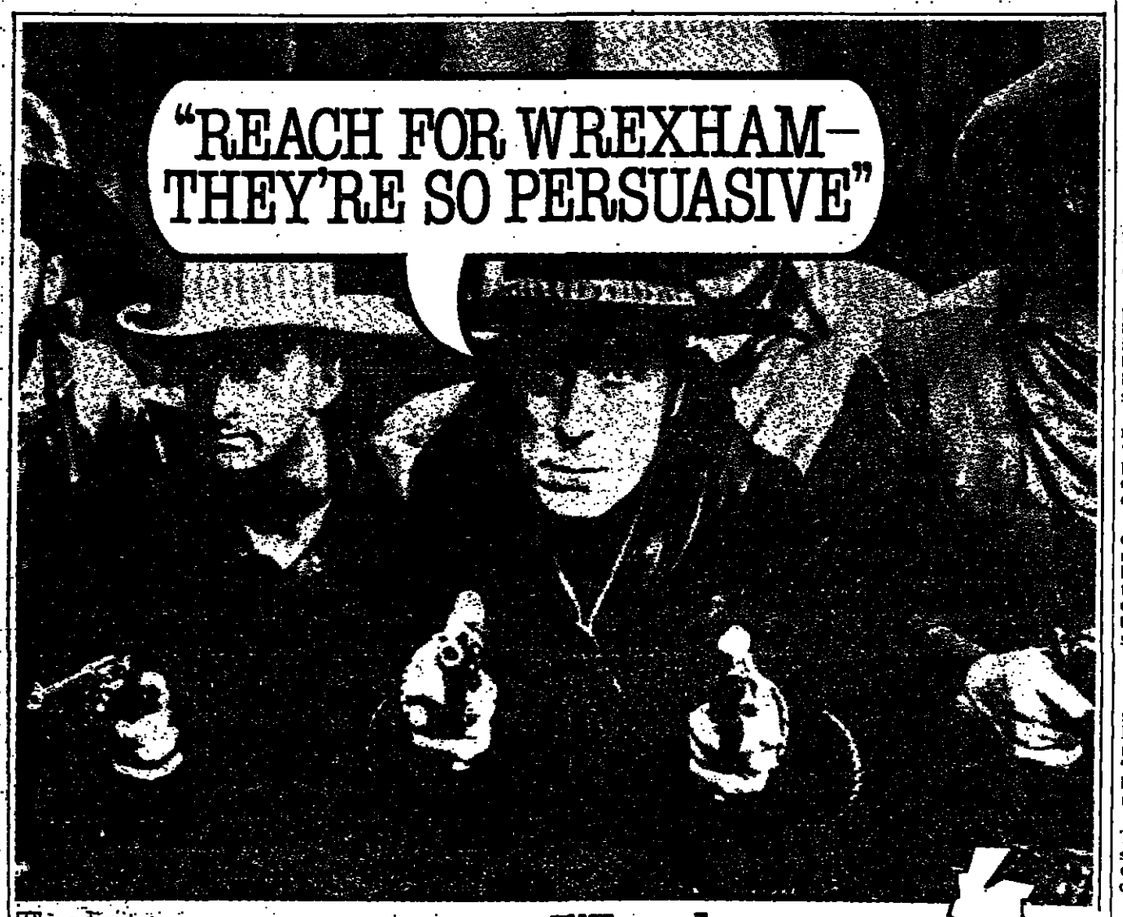

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Yesterday in Parliament

GUILLOTINE FOR BILL TO PRIVATISE BUS SERVICES

By PETER PRYKE Parliamentary Correspondent

THE Government's plans to deregulate and privatise bus services moved a significant step forward in the Commons last night when a guillotine motion restricting future debate on the Transport Bill was approved.

The motion was passed by 277 votes to 189, Government majority 88, after Mr BIFFEN, Leader of the House, had said that further delay would cause uncertainty in the industry.

Under the terms of the motion the Bill is now likely to complete all its stages in the Commons by the middle of next month.

Mr Biffen, denying the claims of those opposing the Bill to have the best interests of the industry and travelling public at heart, said the present system of licensing bus services had failed to maintain an efficient system.

"The Bill represents an effort to break the cycle of rising costs and falling services which have plagued this sector of the transport market for the past 30 years," he said.

'Great anxieties'

Mr PETER SHORE, Shadow Leader of the House, rejected criticisms of the Opposition parties for having taken 94 hours in committee to debate only 11 clauses in an 114 clause Bill.

He said the measure had evoked an extraordinary breadth of opposition, and people in rural areas and pensioners relying on concessionary fares had great anxieties about its effects.

Mr BIFFEN criticised the shortcomings of the present system and said the Government believed that if it was to be improved the burden of regulation and monopoly had to be lifted from the industry.

The Bill would abolish road service licensing outside London, liberate the taxi and hire car market, and transfer all National Bus Company operations to the private sector.

Those who relied on rural services would be aware of the extent of their decline in recent years. The Bill would enable the Transport Secretary to make grants to operators of rural services and to introduce competitive tendering to ensure value for money on uneconomic routes which had social importance.

Mr SHORE: The Government has not listened to rural voices.

Mr RIDLEY: No plans to compel local authorities to sell shares.

Mr SHORE attacked the decision to bring in a guillotine on a Bill with such far-reaching effects, but he was interrupted by Mr Ridley, Transport Secretary, when he said that local authorities would be forced to sell off their bus fleets.

Mr RIDLEY said there were no plans to compel local authorities to sell the shares of their bus undertakings when, under the terms of the Bill, they had been turned into public limited companies.

Mr Ridley intervened again to point out on concessionary fares that he had promised to bring in a new clause making it clear that all operators would have to take part in concessionary fare schemes.

Mr SHORE said the Government had not listened to the voices of those in rural areas — particularly without access to a car — and pensioners who relied on concessionary fares.

"They rightly fear what the effects will be in reducing the number of unprofitable services by eliminating cross subsidisation, and the relentless financial consequences for local authorities which now directly subsidise unprofitable services."

Motion 'an outrage'

Winding up for the Opposition, Mrs GWYNETH DUNWOODY said the Government's guillotine motion was an "outrage" and the Bill itself had not been asked for by bus users.

"It is a Bill about the Transport Secretary's obsessions and the sooner that is clear to the people in this country the better.

"It is absolutely extraordinary that one can have a major Bill like this brought forward without any real consultation," she added.

Replying, Mr RIDLEY said no Government, Conservative or Labour, could allow further delays to a major Bill like this in committee.

He added: "Throughout the committee stage the Opposition have tried to wreck the Bill, not improve it. They have cynically manipulated the fears of the elderly and disabled and have sought throughout to stir up groundless fears."

Assurance by Walker on pits review

By WILLIAM WEEKES
Parliamentary Staff

MR WALKER, Energy Secretary, sought to defuse the possibility of strike action by Nacods, the pit deputies' union yesterday, when he told the Commons that both the Government and the Coal Board wanted the new colliery review procedures in place as soon as possible.

He expressed the hope that talks between the mining unions and the Coal Board would be held next week with a view to implementing the modified procedures to be used before closures took place.

Pressed by Mr Orme, Shadow Energy Secretary, Mr Walker said: "As far as pit closures between now and then are concerned, the only two pit closures that have been involved are where there is no possibility of any men at the pits working because the coal faces have been destroyed because of the strike."

'Soon as possible'

If today's delegate conference of the NUM decided to resume involvement in normal consultation procedures, the Coal Board would suggest a meeting of the industry's National Consultative Council for next week.

Among the matters to be discussed would be steps leading to the introduction of the modified review procedures—already agreed with Nacods — as soon as possible.

Mr RONALD DAVIES (Lab., Caerphilly) accused the Coal Board of being deliberately precipitate and provocative over the closure of the Bedwas Colliery in his constituency.

Poor prospects

But Mr WALKER said a majority of miners at Bedwas recognised that the prospects for the pit were poor and voluntary redundancies and transfers to other pits were being arranged by agreement between the NUM and the Coal Board.

"This seems much more acceptable than simply laying men off because there is no work for them to do.

"By its nature this is an interim arrangement, and if as a result of its continuing assessment the Board judges the pit must remain closed the procedures and agreements which relate to closures will be fully honoured."

1986 TO BE ENERGY SAVING YEAR

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Government had decided to make 1986 Energy Conservation Year, with a view to achieving further savings on the nation's fuel bill, Mr WALKER, Energy Secretary, told the Commons yesterday.

He praised the progress made during the past year, but said there was still room for improvement. There could be a potential saving of about £7 billion on an annual energy bill of £55 billion.

In Energy Conservation Year, the Government, major energy utilities and industry would combine to make a "further considerable impact" towards obtaining far higher standards of energy efficiency.

Further defeat in Lords on plans to curb directors

By OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

PEERS from all parts of the House joined forces in the Lords yesterday to inflict a one vote defeat on the Government over plans to curb the activities of directors whose firms go into liquidation.

They voted 85-84 for an amendment to the Insolvency Bill.

It would allow directors to escape disqualification if they could prove to a court that they had taken steps to minimise losses to creditors.

In the debate, which led to the second Government defeat on the issue of disqualification, peers criticised Ministers for failing to spell out the promised criteria for guidelines to be followed by directors threatened with disqualification.

Lord MOTTISTONE (C) said: "We need to be sure that directors know what is the basis for their potential unfitness.

New proposals

"Guidelines might be a solution to the problem, but we have not yet seen them, nor will we know what form they are to take before the Bill leaves this House."

Lord Mottistone said he was "extremely distressed" by the attitude of Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Under-Secretary for Trade and Industry, in not recognising the need to ensure that the right people were not discouraged from helping firms in difficulty.

Lord MOTTISTONE: Guidelines might be a solution to the problem.

The Government has already extensively modified the original clause in the Bill providing automatic disqualification for directors whose companies go into compulsory liquidation following protests from the Lords that this was unfair.

Last week it introduced new proposals whereby the liquidators would have to report to the Secretary of State on whether there are any signs that directors have behaved in an "unfit" way.

Rejecting Lord Mottistone's amendment, Lord LUCAS said: "If this goes through, it means that however irresponsible a director's conduct has been, even if it caused enormous losses to the creditors, the court would be unable to disqualify him provided he had taken steps to minimise the potential losses to creditors and placed accounts before the management."

SUPERGRASS BAN TO BE URGED

THE Earl of Longford will tomorrow urge the government to halt the use of supergrasses in trials in Northern Ireland.

He described the practice last night as "immoral and ineffective."

Lord Longford yesterday met two wives of Ulster Loyalists, representing the organisation Families for Legal Rights, to highlight the issue.

A Catholic for 25 years, Lord Longford said he was pleased that Protestants had come to him for help. "Nobody wants supergrasses."

He said he had spent a day in a Belfast court last month listening to supergrass evidence against 29 men and was highly critical of the use of the witness.

He will raise the issue in a debate in the Lords and said last night: "I would like to think that Ministers will feel that this really is under strong criticism. I would also like the Law Lords to do something."

Mr Eugene Grant, QC, a Belfast lawyer, met Lord Longford yesterday to put the legal viewpoint.

He said: "The recommendation I would advise is that an isolated use of such witnesses is tenable without a jury but there should be some corroboration."

Plea for postal debate rejected

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A LABOUR plea for an emergency debate on the threat of disruption to postal services was rejected by the Speaker, Mr Weatherill, in the Commons yesterday.

Mr JOHN RYMAN (Blyth Valley) accused Sir Ronald Dearing, chairman of the Post Office, of acting in an arrogant high-handed and autocratic manner in planning to introduce new machinery at the Mount Pleasant sorting office in London knowing it would involve union opposition.

The unions had been willing to talk about the matter, but strongly opposed the principle of recruiting a huge number of part-time postmen, thereby creating redundancies among existing staff.

Today in Parliament

HOUSE OF LORDS

2.30: Insolvency Bill, report; debate on the meeting of human rights experts in Ottawa in May within the framework of the Helsinki Agreement.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

2.30: Interception of Communications Bill, cttee; Supplementary Benefit Regs.

Funds cut closes law centres

By Our Legal Correspondent

TWO South London law centres whose funding from the Department of Environment's urban aid programme ran out at the weekend have been forced to close and turn away further clients.

Stockwell and Clapham Law Centre and North Lambeth Law Centre are the first centres funded by the urban aid programme forced to close since the department decided urban aid should not be used for long-term funding of centres.

Both centres had been funded by urban aid since they were set up five years ago.

Attempts to obtain emergency finance from the Government or Lambeth Council to enable the centres, which employ about 20 staff including a dozen lawyers, to complete the work on about 500 outstanding cases already on their books have so far failed.

"We are not just advice agencies that see people and give them advice," said Dee Springer, of the Stockwell and Clapham centre. "We take on cases and have to follow them through."

Much of the work done by the centres, such as representing clients in tribunal cases, does not qualify for legal aid, so cases cannot be passed on to local solicitors.

The remaining law centre in Lambeth at Brixton is already fully committed with its own clients.

A spokesman for the Law Centres' Federation said 31 of the 56 law centres in Britain received more than 40 per cent. of their income from urban aid. Twenty-two risked being closed in the next two years when their grants expired.

A further 15 centres face the axe because of the abolition of the Greater London Council and six metropolitan county councils. They are estimated to help almost 75,000 people a year.

Strong support for the work done by the law centres in filling gaps in the provision of legal services has come from Lord Benson's Royal Commission on Legal Services and the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Aid.

In its latest report this year the advisory committee called for improved Government support for law centres, with substantial growth in the number of centres and a more even distribution throughout the country.

While the Lord Chancellor should take on responsibility for their basic funding, the report said, the first priority must be the survival of existing centres threatened with closure as a result of local government re organisation and changes in policy on urban renewal.

But last month Lord Hailsham, Lord Chancellor, made it clear he was unlikely to help centres facing the axe.

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BALLET / Deutsche Oper

Celebrating Tudor in West Berlin

THE combination, at the Deutsche Oper in West Berlin, of a fine new production of a masterpiece by one of the supreme choreographers of this century—Antony Tudor's "Dark Elegies"—and the debut in its central role of a supreme classical ballerina—Eva Evdokimova—is something to treasure in the memory.

Evdokimova was not fortunate enough to be rehearsed by Tudor himself; but she is an ideal choice for the very poetic the romantic central rôle which he created for the remarkable American ballerina Gelsey Kirkland in 1975, after returning to American Ballet Theatre as associate artistic director. Airi Hynninen, sent by Tudor to produce the ballet, has managed to get all the Berlin dancers to move in proper Tudorian style, and Evdokimova's interpretation of the central rôle is magical in its fluid poetry, sensitive musicality and piercingly beautiful line.

In her evocation of changing moods Evdokimova goes further than Kirkuand, while preserving the all-important understatement demanded by Tudor. The ballet builds up to a series of solos and pas de deux by the central figure and her partner: Evdokimova makes the first big pas de deux deliciously fragile and frolicsome, then changes to a much darker mood for the second as she responds to a change in the mood of the Dvorak music.

At the end of the ballet, influenced by Tudor's Proustian suggestion of a middle-aged woman looking back to her youth, she manages very subtly the transition back from the youthful period to a later period by linking her dancing to the nostalgic walking of the dancer representing the older woman.

Gert Reinholm, director of the Berlin company, wanted also to stage another Tudor masterpiece, "Pillar of Fire," and this would have given Evdokimova a chance to show, in the central rôle of Hagar, her rapidly maturing dramatic abilities. Instead, Tudor persuaded Reinholm to commission a production of "Echoing of Trumpets." This was a mistake, for "Echoing," created for the Royal Swedish Ballet in 1965, has few of the qualities which have made Tudor such a crucial figure in the development in the art of ballet, and inevitably it looks course by comparison with "Leaves." At least it has the benefit of strong, vicious dancing by the soldiers occupying the village; the village women, however, look insipid.

The all-Tudor programme is completed by a revival of "Gala Performance." This masterly satire has degenerated a great deal since Tudor staged it in Berlin two decades ago; but Evdokimova manages to make the Italian Ballerina look properly icy and regal whenever the choreography bears some resemblance to the original.

Fernau Hall

Felicity Kendal in a revival of Tom Stoppard's philosophical farce "Jumpers," which opened at the Aldwych Theatre last night.

TELEVISION / Repercussions

Minimum of music

OVER EASTER, BBC television, if not Radio Three, will belatedly catch up with the most important anniversary of last month, and of this year as a whole, the 300th birthday of J. S. Bach. So perversely starved have we been that the little extract from a violin sonata at the start of Tom Kempinski's "Duet For One" on Sunday night sounded like some kind of heavenly intervention.

Meanwhile there has been plenty of time for Repercussions (C4), the seven-part Third Eye series celebrating the development of African music in the Americas, which ended last night. The programme has been made with impressive dedication and geographical width, and will, maybe, have given pleasure to those with purist tastes in all the various areas covered.

Perhaps I have been unlucky, but whenever I have looked in on the series the communication has been minimal and the music has sounded, to my ears anyway, deadly dull. Both faults were obvious in the final film, Dennis Marks' "Africa Come Back," devoted to the present "pop" music of Ghana and Nigeria. These sounds made the reggae beat appear exciting by comparison.

There is not much the producers could do about the music. Geoffrey Haydon was fortunate enough to land the story of Max Roach, the extraordinary jazz drummer. Elsewhere, inspiration has been harder to find. More could have been done, without stooping to conventional statements of the obvious, about ordinary human communication.

For a lot of the time in the final Marks film, I was not clear whether the participants were speaking and singing in English or not. Where it was English, I suppose it would be thought ill-mannered, even racist, to use subtitles, but even here, explanation ought to be an advantage. The series would have been far more useful if it had employed an old-fashioned off-screen narrator.

Deliberate musical crudeness is soon apparent in the performance of Billy Bragg, the Labour party's favourite rock star, given his say the previous evening in LWT's The South Bank Show (ITV). But his lyrics are clear and direct, and there was no chance of viewers who stuck with this film missing his messages.

The weekend also saw the conclusion of Michael Wood's flamboyant perambulations, In Search of the Trojan War (BBC 2). There was a lot of artificiality about the style developed with producer Bill Lyons, but I found it decidedly gripping. And never mind that in the end, Wood did not know if his confirmation of the war was based more on Homer's spell than the scant scientific evidence.

Also on the fringe of science last night was "Horizon," devoted this week to a Tony Edwards investigation of The Food Allergy War (BBC 2). When doctors move away from dull convention and call themselves clinical ecologists, it is natural to be suspicious. It is also natural to be suspicious of a medical establishment so fearful of new ideas. The film, made largely with American-accented assertions, was inconclusive.

Sean Day-Lewis

ART / English prints

A sense of the absurd

A NUMBER of British prints are included in the London exhibition "The Topsy-Turvy World" now at the Goethe Institute, 50 Princes Gate, until April 27. They supplement the big exhibition of English prints in Cambridge, at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

Not that the Goethe Institute exhibition needs any justification. It is one of the most witty, amusing and, at the same time, informative exhibitions to be seen in London for a long time.

What is more the extensively illustrated catalogue is, even in this age when exhibition catalogues have become a favourite means for scholars to publish their work, exceptional. It will remain a useful work of reference and, equally valuable, will stimulate further research.

On view are illustrated broadsheets and other examples of the art of the popular printer. They range from the 15th to the 19th century and provide fascinating, and sometimes perverse, insights not just into changing customs and attitudes, but also into hopes and the events which fired them or which they precipitated.

These images, aimed at a wide market, often reveal more than the "cultivated" art of the day. The popular mind has long embraced the bizarre and responded to black humour. Thus modest works of art are sometimes wonderfully expressive.

This is acutely relevant to us today. One of the main themes running through this exhibition is the feeling that the world has been turned upside down. At no time has this sense of the absurd been more acute than now, when, apparently helplessly, we watch the confrontation of the two super-powers.

These are circumstances in which the art of satire, the revelation of folly, and the castigation of arrogance might be expected to be finely honed. Yet one conclusion to be drawn from this fascinating exhibition is that today our sense of moral satire is but a weak thing. We seem even to have lost the spirit of angry, yet pungent and wry, indignation.

Terence Mullaly

Bounty on stage

David Essex, the actor-singer, will take the role of Fletcher Christian and Frank Finlay the part of Capt. Bligh in a new £1 million musical "Mutiny!" which opens at the Piccadilly Theatre, London, in July.

The show has been written by Richard Crane and David Essex, who has also produced the music.

The singer has spent two years researching the music and background for the musical, based on the famous 1789 mutiny in the South Pacific, in both Britain and Tahiti.

Violin prizes

Forty-eight young violinists from 16 countries, including nine British competitors, are taking part in the Orion Insurance Yehudi Menuhin International Violin Competition in Folkestone from April 12-20. The competition offers almost £15,000 in prize money with a £3,500 senior first prize and a £2,500 junior first prize.

MUSIC / London Sinfonietta, Rattle

SHOSTAKOVICH was an obvious candidate for inclusion in any series bearing the title "Mahler, Vienna and the Twentieth Century," and some illuminating—if now fairly widely discussed—points about influence or comparability of symphonic thought could have emerged from a juxtaposition of Mahler and, say, Shostakovich's Fourth, Fifth or Eighth Symphonies. As it was, Sunday night's Barbican concert by the London Sinfonietta under Simon Rattle opted for a more tenuous, but to its credit more provocative, connection, combining as it did Mahler's "Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen" (sung by Alfreda Hodgson) with Shostakovich's Fourteenth Symphony.

Such a coupling served to underline essential differences of outlook rather than to highlight any overt similarities. The serene resignation before death which Mahler hints at in the last of the "Lieder" is in direct and dramatic contrast to Shostakovich's more violently recriminatory attitude in the symphony, a stance which he had already adopted in the Thirteenth Symphony and a preoccupation which also found expression in his late song cycles.

It is indeed to these, rather than to Mahler's works, that we should look for a reason why Shostokovich chose to cast his Fourteenth Symphony in the form of an eleven-movement vocal indictment of death, repression and spiritual suffocation. In the wake of his orchestration of Mussorgsky's "Songs and Dances of Death" (and with his growing familiarity with the music of Benjamin Britten, to whom the symphony is dedicated), he found the sung word to be an increasingly amenable vehicle for the expression of sentiments which so overwhelmed his creative thinking during his later years.

Moreover, this performance with the bass Malcolm King and the mezzo Felicity Palmer (whose authentic Russian enunciation is just one facet of her thorough involvement with the spirit of his music) unquestionably vindicated his decision in its penetrating acuity and grim power.

Geoffrey Norris

Peter Serkin recital

ONE COULD have catalogued a host of fascinating interpretative details after Peter Serkin's Queen Elizabeth Hall recital devoted to Beethoven's last three piano sonatas on Sunday afternoon, many of them of the utmost daring, yet so right as to belie the originality of their conception.

Yet to do so would constitute a poor response to music making whose overwhelming impression was of spiritual revelation to which all technical matters were subordinated.

Rarely can the combination of aria and fugue which closes Op 110 have been so unerringly structured to final incandescence and with the most original weight of emphases, the final fugue daringly slow and inward, bursting sensationally into light at the last moment.

As in all outstanding interpretations, the impression was always of a grand simplicity, even when the greatest mysteries were being revealed, as in the C minor Sonata's variations, and when the wild contrasts of the same sonata's opening movement were being hammered into a unity.

In fact this was a marvellous recital, quite special in its quality of subordinated keyboard virtuosity, and one was loath to break into the pulsating silence that followed each performance, for the spell that Mr Serkin has cast (or, to do him the greatest justice, that Beethoven had cast) was complete.

Anthony Payne

Dallas orchestra's British debut

By Our Arts Staff

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra under its music director Eduardo Mata makes its first visit to Britain in May when it will give five concerts in Nottingham, Cardiff, Portsmouth and London at the Festival Hall and the Barbican Hall. The orchestra is making a European tour during which it will play 15 concerts in 12 cities in five countries.

Programmes, which include music by Britten, Mahler, Bartok and Rodrigo, will also present two lesser known works by American composers, Concerto for Brass Choir and Orchestra by Benjamin Lees and Poem for Flute and Orchestra by Charles Tomlinson Griffes in which the soloist will be James Galway.

RADIO / Clues to pop for parents

AS every parent knows, the last thing adolescent children want is to be understood. Supported, indulged and acknowledged, yes; comprehended, no. The making of their individuality is, however, hard for everyone else in the house sometimes, not least when it comes to music. Any parent mystified by the sounds which appear to entrance their offspring would have profited from the Radio 1 Saturday lunchtime series, Punk to Present, which has given me much secret ammunition in the warlike discussions prompted daily by alien blasts of sound from behind closed bedroom doors. I now knew why it is no longer necessary actually to learn music, when the machinery began to take over, and how important the producer of records has become.

This does not mean I understand the music any more than I do my children but at least I can recognise it. The series is brisk, well written and ably presented, of that, at least, I can be sure.

Listening to Capital Radio's The West End Factor shifted much deeper sands. In last week's programme a documentary on runaway teenage children was followed by a wide-ranging discussion with parents and people who pick up the pieces of their broken relationships. Last night followed up, with two of the runaways who have contacted their parents since the original broadcast. As radio it was raw stuff, trying to say a great many things all at once and not quite succeeding at every one. If it has the effect of making one child think twice, about storming out and one parent resist the anger which bars the way back it will, nonetheless, have been worth it.

For children as young as 12 and 13 do run away. Many of them are never seen again. The apparent ease of moving into the adult world is often paid for by prostitution, with drugs, violence, disease and danger dragging at every step. Why do they do it? Because, said the programme, it seemed better than staying at home at the time, because each one thinks it is going to be different for him or her. Some parents grieve, many don't. The police, the social services, the voluntary agencies find they must cope as best they can with the human wreckage produced. Capital and Radio Clyde in Glasgow are trying to tell their listeners a story we ought to hear, not for its shock value and vicarious horrified thrills, but because it happens and goes on growing.

The absence of work, and consequently the stabilising work ethic, was indicated as one of the root causes. Radio 4, in Workforce, a new quarterly report on jobs and the labour market, offered no great consolations. It was, like the news in the last war, sober and factual leading one to the thought that it must be quite trustworthy even if Brian Redhead went rather gently into the whole subject of training schemes.

Real life work came Ray Gosling's way in Wednesday's In the House of . . . Happy Hands, a visit to a Welsh workers' co-operative formed by women when their men's jobs vanished. They work making clothes, very hard, for not much money. They are understandably proud at having made their business a success and want to do even better. They made my week.

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THEATRE / Too quick for the taste of today

ERIC SHORTER on the decline of the elusive art of the intimate revue

IT DIDN'T seem possible. It had never seemed possible. Well, not since "Beyond the Fringe" 25 years ago. How could intimate revue be brought back to please us as it used to? Efforts had been made with intermittent optimism. All had, more or less, failed. All they succeeded in doing was to remind us that intimate revue was a dead duck.

And the more they tried to revive it, the deader its elements appeared. Why? Nobody could say. There had, we agreed, been changes in taste. Not just theatrical taste but humour in general. Outlets for what we used to call satirical entertainment had erupted in many corners of society. Television's "That Was The Week That Was" and periodicals like PRIVATE EYE had begun to plough a profitable field.

Moreover, theatregoers' tastes had altered. What had felt, for those who enjoyed it, somewhat exclusive, even snobbish, in the days of Hermione Gingold and Henry Kendall at, say, the Ambassadors Theatre — the 1940s — now seemed parochial, whimsical, narrow-minded. Society had changed. So had its idea of what was funny.

That — and many other examples and arguments — attempted to explain the death since 1960 (and it was fading in impact before) of what the playgoer remembered with gratitude and warmth as "intimate revue."

It depends on your age, of course. You won't remember much if you are under 50. If you are in your 60s or 70s you may remember a good deal. And what I think you will remember was the atmosphere — the relation, cosy, buttonholing, full of complicity, between the players and the audience as a kind of sceptical, cynical criticism was delivered in terms of song and dance and sketch.

To some of us it was uniquely theatrical. Why? Because — for various negative reasons — it had no power to entertain outside the playhouse. Whoever (unless he was pondering its staging) ever read an intimate revue? Whoever (unless a nostalgic success was recorded) just listened to one?

No, an intimate revue must be sat in front of. The nearer the front the better. It's addressed almost personally to every theatregoer: and because its composition has a journalistic quality it dates quite quickly in places. It reflects the passing times. The universal values, as in (say) Sophocles or Shakespeare get short shrift from such a show.

But that's not the only reason why intimate revue fell so sharply from fashion. Another is that its style implies a kind of talent in the performer which developed in its heyday — the 'thirties and 'forties. It is a talent for making theatrical points quickly. For writers and performers it's not as easy as it sounds.

Revue items are, by definition short. They call for economy, neatness, impact, shape, sharpness and wit. You need a certain cast of mind to project your meaning instantaneously. No beating about the bush. Timing is everything, in both the script and the performers.

If therefore the art of intimate revue drops out of fashion, so will the writers, directors, designers and (above all) players. Those of us who had the luck to grow up with the form in the 'forties and 'fifties watched with mild apprehension as its most gifted contributors, in the subsequent desert, cast round for work.

Maggie Smith, for example. What ever would she do? Trained to create an atmosphere of comic devastation within seconds of her arrival on stage—in, with noted immediacy, Bamber Gascoigne's "Share My Lettuce" — who could imagine her waiting to be funny in a legitimate play or never being funny (as Olivier's Desdemona)? Max Adrian was another, natural revue player, always able to make a point pointedly, expressively, in revues such as "Airs on a Shoestring" or "Fresh Airs" (its successor).

Then people like Ian Carmichael, Moyra Fraser, Denis Quilley and Dora Bryan — brilliant in their ability to get on sudden terms with an audience—had to settle for the legitimate stage. They did, but it must have been a challenge after the short-winded pleasures of intimate revue, with applause coming every few minutes.

As for the writers, some went on to write plays, others entered television. Harold Pinter, John Mortimer, N. F. Simpson and Peter Cook from the post-war generation have survived—but generally the technique for writing songs and sketches in the style which used to give so much pleasure when Alan Melville, for example, helped to keep the "Sweet and Low" series of revues alive through so much of World War Two at the Ambassadors — the technique, being no longer in wide demand, has withered.

When therefore anybody abruptly called for it the men (and women) who might write it did not know how to supply it. But Diana Morgan knew from the start. It was as an actress for Norman Marshall at the Gate Theatre in the 'thirties that Miss Morgan wrote revue items with her husband Robert MacDermot; and from the success of those Gate revues came umpteen others during the next two decades.

Now, half a century later, we have just been reminded of the charm of intimate revue in a show devised by Miss Morgan from that era, and put on all too briefly at the King's Head, Islington, a few weeks back.

And of the 30-odd interludes played by a cast of six directed by Neil Lawford in "Meet me at the Gate" I doubt if more than two or three could be dismissed as "dated." For there really is no substitute for the atmosphere created by intimate revue; even when a song makes no particular point or the satire seems irrelevant, the pleasure of watching in close-up a team of such quality seems incomparable.

Easy to write off the pleasure as pure nostalgia; but these songs and mildly mischievous sketches were first performed long before most of us were born, let alone able to go to the theatre. Pseudo-nostalgia? Could we sense a sentimental looking back to an era we never lived through? Perhaps.

But my main impression was of a tuneful zest, of attractive young players acting and singing with a precise and satirical understanding of an epoch which was no more easily teased than our own; and because in that cosy Islington pub where you eat and drink before the show begins you find yourself sitting under the players' noses the "intimacy" of this revue may have felt unusually close. If this entertainment could "work" so well, why couldn't others?

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

WINDSOR CASTLE, April 1.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Gala Charity performance of "Turandot" held jointly by the Rotary Club of Windsor, St George and the Windsor and Eton Operatic Society at the Farrer Theatre, Eton College, Berkshire.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon. Gordon Palmer), the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor Frank Robinson) and the President of the Rotary Club of Windsor and St George (Mr James Milne).

Major the Hon. Andrew Wigram was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, this evening attended the Philip Henman Overseas Lecture at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, S.W.1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the President of the Institution (Mr J. Derrington) and the President of the Chartered Institute (Sir Norman Payne).

Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Skelmersdale (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this evening upon the departure of The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester for New Zealand and bade farewell to Their Royal Highnesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 1.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were entertained at dinner this evening, and afterwards attended a reception, given by His Excellency the Italian Ambassador and Signora Cagiati at 4, Grosvenor Square, W.1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr *David Roycroft* were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE,
April 1.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening to visit New Zealand. Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley were in attendance.

Upon arrival at the Airport Their Royal Highness were received by His Excellency The Hon J. A. Walding (High Commissioner of New Zealand), Mr P. Owen (Senior General Manager, Market Centres, British Airways) and Mr R. S. Boxendale (Manager, Special Facilities, British Airports Authority).

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend an Army Benevolent Fund dinner at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, on May 8.

Princess Anne will open the fourth World Congress on Emergency and Disaster Medicine in Brighton on June 4.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will lay a wreath at the R A F Memorial during the annual memorial service at Runnymede on May 12.

The Hon. Mrs Ian Reid gave birth to a son in Oxford on Saturday.

A memorial service for the Hon. Reginald Winn will be held at the Guards Chapel on Wednesday, April 3, at noon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Alec Guinness is 71 today; Mr C. W. L. Bevan is 65; Sir Denis Rooke 61; Sir Jack Brabham 59; Sir Peter Lazarus 59; Viscount Hambleden 55; Sir Peter Middleton 51; Mr C. J. Bourpe 50; the Marquess of Northampton 39; and Lord Kilmaine 37.

Today is the anniversary of the Naval Battle of Copenhagen in 1801.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr C. C. Tite and
Miss L. J. Slade

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs L. J. Tite, of Nantwich, Cheshire, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Sir Christopher and Lady Slade, of London.

Capt. P. J. Lawson and
Miss B. Garnham

The engagement is announced between Capt. Piers James Lawson, The Royal Hussars (P W O), only son of Mr A. S. A. Lawson, of Laithes, Cumbria, and Mrs O. N. G. Scholte, of Kingston, Kent, and Belinda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Garnham, of Bethersden, Kent.

Mr M. A. Seaman and
Dr C. M. Boswell

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Dr and Mrs A. G. Seaman, of Stoke Holy Cross, Norfolk, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Boswell, of Dyserth, Clwyd.

Mr J. Knox and
Dr E. A. Davison

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr W. Knox and of Mrs K. Knox, of Middle Farm, Little Massingham, Norfolk, and Felicity Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. Moore, of Winkfield, Berkshire.

Mr M. D. Baroumos and
Miss N. M. Heard

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs D. Baroumos, of Purley, Surrey, and Nicola, younger daughter of Captain R. N. Heard, R.N., and Mrs Heard, of Baughurst, Hampshire.

Mr M. C. Woodhouse and
Miss S. J. Fairbairn

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Lt-Col J. M. Woodhouse, M.B.E., M.C., and Mrs Woodhouse, of Higher Melcombe, Dorset, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Fairbairn, of Crawley, West Sussex.

Mr A. G. L. Hill-Smith and
Miss I. M. F. Knox

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of His Honour Judge and Mrs D. E. Hill-Smith, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts., and Isobel, daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Knox and of Mrs Geoffrey Knox, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr D. A. Hershman and
Miss A. H. D. Goucher

The engagement is announced between David Allan, younger son of Mr Maurice Hershman, *F.R.C.S., and the late Mrs Patricia* Hershman and stepson of Mrs Eunice Hershman, of Stourbridge, Worcs., and Abigail Henrietta Dixon, only daughter of Mrs Sonja Goucher and the late Mr John Dixon Goucher, of Bewdley, Worcs.

Mr A. C. J. Ward and
Miss J. Piper

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mrs Charles Ward, of Mangwyn, Llanferres, and the late Mr Charles Ward, and Jacqui, daughter of the late Wing Commander Bernard Piper and of Mrs Dorothy Piper, of Martin Close, Windsor.

Mr D. W. R. Croser and
Miss A. J. Ovenden

The engagement is announced between Duncan, only son of Mr and Mrs D. W. Croser, of Winchmore Hill, Bucks., and Jayne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Ovenden, of Chalfont St Giles.

Mr G. J. Nowell and
Miss F. J. Proudfoot

The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Nowell, of Hithouse Farm, Kentisbeare, Cullompton, Devon, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Proudfoot, of Whalesborough, Marhamchurch, Cornwall.

LUNCHEONS

Her Majesty's Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Q.C., M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs Jamieson.

London Metal Exchange

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, accompanied by Ald. and Sheriff David Rowe-Ham and Col J. C. M. Ansell, Duty Esquire, was entertained by the Chairman, Mr Jacques Lion, and members of the Board of the London Metal Exchange at luncheon at the Gresham Club yesterday after his official visit to the London Metal Exchange. Mr Ted Jordan, Chairman of the LME committee, was also a guest.

DINNERS

Italian Ambassador

The Prince and Princess of Wales, who later this month will be visiting Italy, attended a dinner given in their honour by the Italian Ambassador and Signora Cagiati last night at the Italian Embassy. Other guests were:

King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie of Greece, Prince Amedeo di Savoia, Duca di Aosta, Princess Bianca di Savoia-Aosta, the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, il Duca and la Duchessa Torlonia, Duchessa Alberica Filo-Della-Torre, Ambassador and Signorina De Rin, Marchese and Marchesa Pucci, Marchese and Marchesa Frescobaldi, Viscountess Hambleden, Count and Countess Solaro del Borgo, Minister Roberto Franceschi, Sir Francis and Lady Dashwood, Mr David Poyntz, Mrs Anne Beckwith Smith, Mr Victor Chapman, Minister and Signora Alessi Vescl, Mr and Mrs Carlo Bonomi, Mr Carmelo Calabrese, and Miss Margarita Coromas di Morgera.

City of London Solicitors' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Sir Alan and Lady Traill, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at the ladies' banquet of the City of London Solicitors' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr D. F. Gray, was in the chair and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, and the Senior Warden, Mr E. P. T. Ropey. Other guests were:

Sir Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Resident Governor of the Tower of London and Mrs MacLehan, the Chief Yeoman Warder of the Tower and Mrs Davis, the Chairman of the Bar and Mrs Calcutt, the President of the Law Society and Mrs Hoole, the President of the New Law Society of Scotland and Mrs Graham, the Deputy Keeper of the Signet and Mrs Miller, the Chairman of the Baltic Exchange and Mrs Gray and the Masters of the Cutlers', Tallow Chandlers', Coachmakers', Innholders', Glaziers', Chartered Surveyors', and Chartered Secretaries' and Administrators' Companies and their ladies.

Bakers' Company

The Master of the Bakers' Company, Mr Hugh M. Joseph, supported by the Upper Warden, Mr J. D. Copeman, the Second Warden, Mr C. B. Sawyer, the Third Warden, Mr R. B. Tiley, and the Under Warden, Mr F. J. Bentley, presided at a dinner held at Glaziers' Hall last night for members of the court and Livery and their guests. Maj.-Gen. Sir Jeremy Moore, Director-General of the Food and Drink Federation, was the principal guest.

National Sporting Club

The National Sporting Club held a boxing dinner evening at Grosvenor House last night at which Mr Hywel Davies was the guest of honour. Mr Jarvis Astaire was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr J. C. Fields and Mr Kenneth Wolstenholme, Secretary of the Club.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, BARNSTAPLE

The Governors are pleased to announce that up to 10 Academic, Music, Games, Art and Drama Scholarships, as well as other Exhibitions and Bursaries, will be awarded as a result of the Entrance Examination that is due to take place at St Michael's on Monday, May 6. Further details are available on request from the Headmaster.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother opens the London City Y.M.C.A. in Errol Street, Finsbury, p.m.

Queen's Life Guard mounts. Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Graeco Etrurian Vases: Recent Acquisitions, 11.30 "Ancient Persian Bronzes" demonstrations: Measure of the Universe, 1.15.

National Maritime Museum: Exhibition on Time at Sea opens. Old Royal Observatory, 2.

St Martin-in-the-Fields: Trafalmar Concert: Tessa Nicholson piano recital, 1.05.

St Paul's Cathedral: Cathedral Choir performances, 6.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Prince and Princess of Wales open the Royal Garden Parties, afterwards attend a dinner given by Trustees of the British Museum.

Queen's Life Guard mounts. Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

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MEETING

Royal Over-Seas League

Dr Malcolm P. Byrnes was guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. His subject was "Simplicity — mark of a fool or a genius?" Mr Neville Mittleholzer presided.

BRIDGE NEWS

By Our Bridge Correspondent

The Portland Club Cup, British Bridge League national mixed pairs championship, was played during the weekend in London, Birmingham, Leeds and Glasgow.

The leading positions are: R. S. Brock and Mrs N. Smith (London) 24.171. 2: I. A. R. Forrester and Mrs S. Lindy (Yorks and Sussex) 22.691. 3: R. Winter and Mrs J. Prince (Yorks) 22.677. 4: M. and Mrs S. N. Goldenfold (NW) 22.548. 5: Mr and Mrs D. Gilbertson (Leics) 22.462. 6: A. E. Reeley and Mrs M. Rawlinson (NW) 22.441. 7: Mr and Mrs V. Cotterell and Mrs M. Paton (Scotland) 22.421. 7: M. McVeigh and Mrs K. Frew (Scotland) 22.371. 8.

CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Recent Clergy appointments include: Revs. A.G. Anderson, V. of St Peter's Gleadless Team Ministry, Sheffield: to V., Thorpe Hesley, W.S. Beer, V. of St Benedict, Northampton 1980-85: to be V. The Annunciation, Christchurch, Rochester. R. Bellamy, Ass. C., Frecheville w. Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, Sheffield: to be V. Hyde, Ches. R. Bridges, P. Philip w. St Bartholomew, Battersea, Southwark: to T.V., St Matthew, Wimbledon Team Ministry, Mrs M. Cooper, C., Holy Trinity, Weymouth, Salisbury: to V., Bere Regis and Affpuddle w. Turnerspuddle, W.A.D. Collins, V. Binfield, Oxford: to be V., The College of St Barnabas, Lingfield, Southwark. D.F. Coombes, C., Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucester: to be Ind. Ch. to Merrist Deanery, Southwark. F.M. Davis, V. Little Horkesley, Chelmsford: to R., Great Bromley w. Little Bromley. Brother Ian Hoopp, SSF, Liverpool: to P.-in-c., St Benedict, Cambridge, Ely. Canon L. Dryden, C. Emeritus of Bristol and Senior Industrial Chaplain, London: to be Industrial w. Unem., Rochester. C. Dunkley, Asw. Ch. Ch., University of Leicester, and Asst. P., Holy Spirit, Leicester: to be P.-in-c., Leicester, St Aldhelm.

Revs. Canon O.N. Everson, V., The Good Shepherd w. St Peter, Lee, Southwark: to V., St Francis, West Wickham. K. Feltham, T. Rev. The Ivanton, Brenchley and Matfield Team Ministry, Canterbury, Lewes, Chichester, Parracombe and Martinhoe Team Ministry, Exeter: to P.-in-c., Bickleigh, Plymouth. A.K. Green-Pedoe, V., Ss. Mary and Paul, Darley: to R., Twyford w. Guist w. Bintree w. Thuscthorpe w. Wood Norton, Norwich. J. Rawlins, V., Christ Church, Bolton, Southwark: to R., Holy Trinity, Clapham and Team Rector of Clapham Old Town Team Ministry. G.M.J. Elmore, Curate, Christ the Saviour, Bispham, Blackpool, Blackburn: to V., Inside. R.A. Hookinson, V., Lowdham w. Gonalston and Caythorpe, Southwell: to R., Whitby, York. Canon R.A. Rowe, R., Greatham and Canon and Prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral, Lincoln: to V., Carshalton, Cuffs Road Sanderstead, Salisbury. C.F. Johnson, V., Seale Green, Rochester: to V., Wilmington. M.J. Peter, C., St Thomas, Bedhampton, Portsmouth: to be R., St Ive and Quethiock, Truro. R.W.B. Kingston, R., Hemel Hempstead, St Albans: to R., Holy Trinity w. St Columba, Tavistock, Portsmouth. J.B. Lowe, V., Kimberworth, and Rotherham Team Ministry, Sheffield: to be Rector, Rotherham. Rev. C. of Rochester Cathedral, M.J. Lowles, Ass. C., Watford, Albans: to be C., Chelmsford. Rev. C., East Ham, St Paul, Canon R.E.S. Maynard, V., St Germans, Truro: to be R., Saltash, K.R. Meller, V., St Mary Magdalene, Tilehurst, Oxford: to V., Mevagissey, Truro. R.W. McSherry, Warden, Bede House, Canterbury, Canterbury: to Priest, Cantuar and Prof. Borden, C.F. Mowll, Jones, V. Mary Addington, Croydon: to be R., Dr of Canon Additions, Chelmsford. A.J. Mosher, V., Kingston, Kingston: to P.-in-c., Bishop Perowne, M., Worc: to non-stip., St Catherine's, Stourport, Worcester.

Rev. P.J. Newton T.V., to Brentwood Team Ministry, Chelmsford. Rev. Tom Middleton, M.W.S., Pastoral and Liturgical Secretary, Church of England SPCK, Fellow in the Church of England Institute for Education and Research, Lecturer in Theology in the University of Durham: to be P.-in-c., St Augustine's, Penge, Southwark. M.P. Hocking, V., Nicholas, Pell, York: to V., Elvington and Sutton w. Wheldrake, Canon M.T. Perrin, Christchurch, Diocesan Director of Education, Oxford: to be Chelmsford's Director of Education. Rev. Canon Dr. Pamela Tudor-Craig, Art Historian, Lecturer, Author and Broadcaster, Herald Green, Gracious C., St Cuthbert's, Chelmsford: to be Canon Chancellor and Canon Theologian of Chelmsford Cathedral. Rev. Canon Colleen, I.M. Rot Team Ministry of North Walsall, Derby: to be P.-in-c., Pleasley w. Shirebrook, Derby. Rev. Mary Tapper, Curate, Exeter, Oxford: to be P.-in-c., St Ives, Exeter, Oxford. Miss Penny Mayfield, Diocesan Director of Education, North Lincolnshire, Lincoln: to be Chelmsford's Director of Education. Rev. G.A. Whitehead, C., Heaton Norris, Manchester: to be P., Ss. Peter and Paul, Eccles, Manchester. Rev. R.M. Wilkinson, Priest Vicar, Exeter Cathedral, Exeter: to be Priest Vicar, Chichester Cathedral. Rev. P.W. Hayward, V., Ascension, Weymouth, Salisbury: to be V., Ss. Peter and Paul, Wareham, Sarum. Rev. Dr. Edmondsbury and Ipswich: to be Rural Dean of Hadleigh.

Threatened theatres seek cash campaign

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

MORE than 60 artistic directors from publicly funded theatres called for a crisis meeting with the Arts Council yesterday to press the case for more Government money for 1986/87.

They say theatre is inadequately funded and under serious threat.

Sir William Rees-Mogg, Arts Council chairman, and Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general, are to be urged to throw their weight, and that of the council, behind a campaign for the extra cash.

A rally is to be organised to publicise the many ways in which the outstanding artistic and financial success of Britain's theatre is threatened.

The directors say they are at the "sharp end of the problem," having to cut down on casts, reduce seasons and produce fewer new plays.

They say they are "dismayed" that the "so-called development" funds under the Arts Council "Glory of the Garden" policy, announced last week, had been presented in such a way as to give the impression that the arts are all right."

The arts, and the theatre in particular, were in no such position.

Last week the council announced detailed allocations from its £3 million redevelopment plan to shift resources to the provinces. The council says that local authorities have promised a further £2 million.

But the directors insist that some theatres receiving aid under the plan, will only receive enough money to restore operations to the levels of some years ago.

Changeable March

By Our Weather Correspondent

MARCH was changeable with average rainfall and average sunshine but just below normal temperatures.

The month began rather cold and unsettled. On the 3rd a depression moved into Western Ireland and deepened as it crossed Wales giving 1-2 ins of rain in parts of northern Wales.

On the 5th a ridge of high pressure brought two days of warmer, drier weather to much of Britain before it again became rather cloudy with some rain on the 7th.

Once this belt of cloud had moved away, high pressure over the Continent built across England on the 8th.

Although there was some fog early in the morning, much of England and Wales was dry, mild and fairly sunny until the unsettled weather over Northern Ireland and Scotland moved south during the 10th.

Belt of rain

High pressure covered Britain on the 11th and 12th before another belt of rain moved south on the 13th. This was followed by cold north westerly winds and widespread snow showers.

These showers were heavy over hills and continued overnight in many places especially near coasts.

By the morning of the 15th snow cover was reported over Scotland and the higher ground of England and Wales though depths were generally below 2 ins.

More continuous snow affected parts of Wales, the Midlands and central Southern England on the morning of the 16th. That evening heavy snowfalls were reported from Humberside and Lincolnshire.

It was very cold during this period of the month despite a good deal of sunshine.

On the 17th the wind decreased as high pressure built across Britain. The snow showers became limited to eastern areas. It remained very cold with freezing fog and frost overnight.

By the 20th the high had moved away into Scandinavia, allowing Atlantic depressions to bring unsettled weather to all areas although the North was mainly dry until the 23rd.

Many places in Cornwall had over an inch of rain on the 20th and that night many places further inland had a fair amount of snow before it gradually turned to rain.

During the 25th and 26th depressions moved east along the Channel giving general rain over southern Britain. Much of central and Northern England, and North Wales remained dry while Scotland continued to have wintry showers.

After a weak ridge on the 28th a further deep depression brought rain to all of Britain on the 29th and 30th. Over Scotland, however, the rain was preceded by a belt of heavy snow.

Melted down

There were considerable accumulations in the Edinburgh and Tayside regions with Edinburgh Airport reporting over 4½in by the morning of 30th.

It had, however, melted down to 2in by that evening, and had gone by the following evening with the mild air gradually reaching most of Scotland.

The last day of the month saw a further belt of heavy rain and strong winds move in from the Atlantic. The end of the month was mild, however, especially in the south of Britain.

NAVY APPOINTMENTS

Recent appointments in the Royal Navy include: SEAMAN: To Commander: J. Bywater.

Engineering Specialisation: MJ Marsh, K. Wentworth. Supply and Secretarial Specialisation: DR Jupp.

Seaman Specialisation: AN Topp, JD MacDonald, to Lieutenant Commander.

Seaman Specialisation: PJ Molloy, MAD Muggeridge, AA Bayliss, BJ Mayhew, JA Burch, MJ Bee, PG Downs, BSJ Gammon.

Engineering Specialisation: J Wilcock, CRS Farthing, CR Whitehouse, JL Hodder, RB Chadwick, MR Fuller, PL Moore, GE Gibson, DR Beardmore, CL Russell, DG Johnston.

Supply and Secretarial: KH Brown, BGS Till, AL Lowe, A Brookbank.

Women's Royal Naval Service: To First Officer: AVM Brayfield, MJ Robbins. To Second Officer: DE Waterstadt, CM Frey, J Grindle, EB Owen, SK Pern, CA Crampin.

Royal Marines: To Captain: JC Bowden, AB Atherton, JW Edington, MD Stanton.

WAY OF THE WORLD

Official Impudence

IN a long announcement in the WESTMORLAND GAZETTE (and presumably in other newspapers circulating in Cumberland and Westmorland and the arbitrarily annexed parts of Lancashire and Yorkshire) the "Cumbria" County Council makes what it calls a "Model" Declaration on South Africa.

First it announces its adherence to all the standard opinions about that country held by the liberal consensus in this one: abhorrence of apartheid; solidarity with the African National Congress (see this column, March 26); South Africa as a "threat to world peace;" etc. etc. etc.

Then it declares that it will as far as possible cease to purchase goods originating in South Africa; withdraw investments; refuse to meet any official visitors from that country or attend any functions where its representatives are present; withdraw sporting and leisure facilities; encourage the "positive teaching of the history, culture and struggle for self-determination of the South African and Namibian peoples;" ensure that libraries and schools provide accurate (*sic*) information about South Africa and exclude "South African propaganda;" honour prominent opponents of apartheid; discourage advertisements of South African products at public sites under its control; seek to ensure — the cheek of it!—that local citizens who are considering emigrating to South Africa are fully informed (*sic*) of the implications of living under apartheid.

Finally it declares that "Cumbria" is henceforth to be an "anti-apartheid zone."

This declaration, which appears over the name of E. A. Martlew, chairman of the council, is indeed a "model" declaration. It is a model of modish cant and one-sided prejudice. That it should have appeared in the WESTMORLAND GAZETTE, a once esteemed newspaper which Wordsworth used to write to, is a matter for shame.

It is also an insult to the people of Westmorland. It is an insult to their independence of mind, their ability to think straight and their sense of fairness—qualities for which they have always been noted. Unless I am mistaken, there are still plenty of normal, decent people in Westmorland who, whatever may have happened to many other parts of England, still retain those qualities.

Here is a good chance to assert them. Let them show their contempt for this wretched declaration like true men and women of Westmorland.

Victory

THERE has been a good deal of speculation about how Arthur Scargill would contrive (as he must) to claim that his miners' strike, in which most people thought he had been defeated, was really a victory. He has now achieved this feat, suitably enough in the Soviet Union, where truth is stood on its head even more consistently than in the rest of the world.

In an interview with TRUD, the Soviet "trade union" daily, he is reported to have said: "The most important achievement, the brilliant victory in this production (*sic*) conflict, was the struggle itself."

How's that for a bit of Scargillian existentialist thinking? But there is more:

"In the course of 12 months many thousands of young men and women were politicised to a degree that seemed incredible just two or three years ago."

The worst of it is that he is probably right. It is a victory of a sort. But what he exults in wise men will deplore. The young men and women of the coalfields are not the only people who are going to be politicised.

At Mountwarlock

FINAL preparations are going on for the opening of this year's season at Mountwarlock Park, the Earl of Mountwarlock's "stately home" in Leicestershire, famous for its "safari park" of fabulous monsters and other unusual attractions.

Phantomsby, the Earl's major domo and one of the few practising werewolves left in the Midlands, can be seen moving rapidly about with his characteristic loping walk, checking that everything is in order. He can occasionally be seen in two or more places at the same time.

There is a lot to be done. Ghoulman, the chief warden of the "safari park," has been checking his wyverns, basilisks, gorgons and other monsters for their incinerating or petrifying efficiency. A young gorgon which proved to be turning things to sponge rather than stone has been segregated in the sickbay for "tests."

Then there is the Deadly Upas Tree to be checked for poisonous fumes. MacAnguish, the Scottish head gardener, who is also, of course, in charge of the Great Garden of Terror, tells a young apprentice to stretch out under the tree and notes, with many an approving "hmphm, hmphm," "ave, is it" and other such noises, that the lad is *unconscious almost immediately.*

Then there is the miniature volcano, which works on boiling porridge heated by a stretch of the fiery river Phlegethon which flows through the park; the Great Hall of Dread, where the popular Dark Age Banquets (£25; O A Ps half price) are held and where a new, even more loathsome breed of harpies has been installed this year.

There is Circe's Boutique, selling all kinds of souvenirs as well as enchanted chocolate fudge which helps to turn male visitors into swine, to the delight of their families; the "Shirt of Nessus" Men's Shop, selling new lines with even more spectacular effects: the Procrustes Rest Room for the Old Folk, where the mechanism of the divans has to be thoroughly tested.

The Cretan Labyrinth (with Resident Minotaur) is fully operative again. It had to be closed down during last season when a rather bossy woman visitor from Loughborough not only penetrated to its centre but knocked out the Minotaur with her handbag and dragged the terrified monster to the entrance, where she demanded her money back.

It was some small satisfaction to the staff when a gorgon got loose at that moment and turned woman, handbag and *Minotaur into a remarkable* piece of statuary which was put on sale in the Garden Centre of Fear as "Europa and the Bull. £200."

But nobody bought it ("yes, it might look quite nice in our patio area, Norman, but I don't know, there's something I don't fancy about it. I'm not one for Europe, as you know"). It has now been removed to the Fathomless Cellars. A new, fiercer Minotaur has been installed in the Labyrinth, and as Phantomsby says, "If that one doesn't see off any handbagging old beezer you care to name, I'm a vegetarian."

Far-fetched

I AM not the only person to be mystified by the extreme virulence of the campaign in this country against smoking —a habit which is probably bad for people but does not seem worth the wellnigh demented fanaticism of some anti-smokers, who evidently think it is the very worst of all the world's evils.

A reader, who has been racking his brains over this mystery as I have, sends his own explanation. The object of the campaign—or conspiracy—is to stop the flow of funds to the Treasury from the tax on tobacco and force the Government to impose other taxes of a kind more likely to lead to a revolution.

One would expect the conspirators to turn their attention to alcohol next; and there are signs that this is happening.

Far-fetched? Absurd? well, so are more and more of the phenomena to be observed daily in our poor, afflicted country.

Peter Simple

Obituary

Sir FIFE CLARK

SIR FIFE CLARK, former Director General of the Central Office of Information, died on March 28. He was 77.

Born in 1907, Sir Fife proved an outstanding figure in public relations in both the public and private sectors.

He entered journalism with Westminster Press provincial newspapers and in 1939 he joined the Ministry of Health, spending a decade working on its information campaigns.

From 1952-55 he advised two Prime Ministers — Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden —on government public relations.

In 1952 he went to the Central Office of Information as Home Controller and was responsible for the organisation and management of the British pavilions at the world exhibitions in Brussels, Montreal and Osaka.

Road safety

At home, he was responsible for campaings advocating road safety, army recruiting and decimal currency.

During his time at the Central Offices of Information Sir Fife spent much of his efforts in stressing the duty of every government to supply the public with information about its policis as fully and quickly as possible.

He also took on the presidency of the British Institute of Public Relations and was the Consultant on External Relations to the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations from 1971-75.

Sir Fife was a widower and leaves two sons and a daughter.

Sir MARTIN ROSEVEARE

Sir Martin Pearson Roseveare, who has died, aged 86, was the mathematician who helped to design the food rationing system during the 1939-45 war.

The son of Canon R. P. Roseveare, one-time vicar of Lewisham, he was educated at Marlborough and St John's College, Cambridge, and became a master at Repton and Haileybury. He joined the Board of Education in 1927 and was Staff Inspector of Mathematics in 1939.

He was then lent to the Ministry of Information and was at the Ministry of Food from 1939 to 1944 and in 1946, becoming acting Principal Assistant Secretary in 1942.

From 1944 to 1957 he was Senior Chief Inspector, Ministry of Education. He then became headmaster of Mzuzu School, Nyasaland, and then principal of Soche Hill College, Malawi, and from 1967 taught at Marymount School, Mzuzu, Malawi. He was knighted in 1948 and became an honorary Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge in 1952.

Sir Martin married, in 1921, Edith Mary Pearse, by whom he *had a son and four daughters.* This marriage was dissolved in 1958 in which year he married Olivia Margaret Montgomery.

Lady Gunhild de Saumarez. In Guernsey, aged 95. Widow of fifth Baron de Saumarez.

Karim Khalef. Aged 48. Former Mayor of Ramallah on the Israeli occupied West Bank of the Jordan from 1972 to 1982.

Sir Walter Carter, Q.C. At Grimsby, aged 85. Senior Official Referee 1954-71. Chairman, Criminal Injuries Compensation Board 1964-75.

Latest Wills

ASHTON, J. E., Wyberton Nrr Fen, Lincs £188,126
GLANVILLE, Mrs Edith M., Gloucester 208,899
GRIFTON, Mrs Elsie J., Friston, East Sussex 221,603
HARRISON, R., Rudgwick, West Sussex 228,857
JONES, Mrs Norah E., Burnham, Somerset 239,732
LENNARD, Mrs Joan I., Umberleigh, Devon, former chairman, Family Planning Association 125,868
MACPHERSON, I. W., Birlingham, Worcestershire 202,005
MYERS, L., Gosforth, Tyne & Wear 405,305
RYALL, B. G., Rimpton, Somerset 213,420
SMITH, G., Duffield, Derbyshire, retired chartered accountant 188,472
STEWART, D. O., Sherborne, Dorset 226,559
STEWART, Mrs Marie E., Hawstead, Suffolk 238,650
STUDERT, Mrs Marjorie J., Bramley, Surrey 417,885
SWEETMAN, S. G., Harpenden, Herts., vice-chairman, Unilever, 1974-78; deputy secretary, Field Marshal Alexander. Supreme Allied Commander, in Second World War 652,699

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF HAWKINS & BYRNE (FURNITURE) LIMITED t/a SLOANES GARDEN FURNITURE. Court No 009011 of 1985. Nature of Business: General Dealers. Winding-up Order made 22nd January, 1985. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors: 12th April, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. A. K. SALES, Senior Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF MYSTERY STUDIOS LIMITED Court No 007684 of 1984. Nature of Business: Support Movements. Winding-up Order made 28th January, 1985. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th April, 1985, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct London, EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock. Contributories On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF PORTICO (CATERING) LOGY LIMITED. Court No 007682 of 1984. Nature of Business: General Commodity and Investment Holding Company Manufacturers and Suppliers of Computers. Winding-up Order made 4th February, 1985. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th April, 1985, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock. Contributories On the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock. R. G. L. HOWARD, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF SHERRYWOOD FOODS LIMITED. Court No 006124 of 1985. Nature of Business: Bakery Confectionery. Winding-up Order made 22nd January, 1985. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th April, 1985, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock. Contributories On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. A. K. SALES, Senior Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

MARYLEBONE CRICKET CLUB. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Marylebone Cricket Club will be held at Lord's on Wednesday, 1st May 1985 at 5.00 p.m. The President, Mr F. G. Mann, will take the chair. Mr A. C. D. Burgett, Mr G. R. J. Doggart, Mr J. C. D. Haslewood, Mr M. E. J. Melluish and Mr D. R. W. Silk retire from the Committee as elected Members on 30th September, 1985. Mr A. C. D. Ingleby-Mackenzie, Mr D. J. Insole, Mr P. B. H. May and Mr M. J. Stewart have been elected to the Committee to serve as Elected Members from 1st October 1985. A Special General Meeting will be held following the Annual General Meeting on 1st May, 1985 to approve certain amendments to the Rules of the Club. J. A. Bailey, Secretary, M.C.C.

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K—Meeting soon—will phone.—M.

SOMEONE SPECIAL is 40 today. Happy birthday honey. Love you.—Lyons Maid.

P.—The first 25 are the worst.—B.

OUR LADY of Walsingham, St Jude. Grateful thanks. — M.M.L.

LOVELY LADY.—Happy Anniversary. Love you always despite Bill and now PP.—Villesavia.

ST JUDE.—Grateful thanks—Villesavia.

SUSAN BUSH. Told you so. Happy belated birthday darling. Love Robert.

THANK YOU St Jude. Julie.

TO THE SACRED HEART. B.V.M., St Jude and J. Henry Newman. Joyful thanks.—C.

GRATEFUL THANKS to the Sacred heart of Jesus, St Jude and St Hugh of Lincoln for prayers answered.—W.S.

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ST JUDE.—Grateful Thanks.—K.T.

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ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON FINDS SOME FRESH WAYS TO TACKLE THE CHORE OF SPRING CLEANING

Scouring the shops for new aids to clean living

ALTHOUGH few of us, today, have the time for the obsessional house cleaning that once marked the career housewife, we still get an arcane thrill from washing blowing in the breeze, a shining door knocker or a kitchen freshly put in order.

Oddly enough, we have always been noted as a cleaner-than-most nation. A visiting Swiss, Cesar Saussure, came to London in 1725 when he was 20. Soon after he came he wrote home to say that: "The amount of water English people employ is inconceivable, especially for the cleaning of their houses.

"Though they are not slaves to cleanliness, like the Dutch, still they are remarkable for this virtue."

I doubt whether today's visitor retains the same image.

Recently, an avalanche of cleaning aids has reached every room in the house but it is doubtful whether the quick spray and rub with instant, canned gloss, will ever be a substitute for the diligent brushing, polishing and washing of the past.

Some responsible companies, with an eye to the environment as well as profit, have watched the relentless march of the aerosol with alarm. Despite the large amounts of money spent promoting them, aerosols are not particularly good value and are not environmentally desirable.

Crowner non-aerosol spray products are sensibly packed in spray pump containers which can be unscrewed and refitted in the refill bottle. The manufacturers claim that the 500ml containers of polish cleaner and germicidal air fresheners last three times as long as a large, 340-gram size, aerosol.

The Yorks Old English range is stocked by the John Lewis Partnership. Write to Crowner General Merchants Ltd., Stillington Road, Easingwold, Yorkshire for details.

A beeswax-based polish, solid or cream, is still the choice of many housewives, who believe it gives an unrivalled gleam. Few are made at a honey farm, as is Wheelers beeswax furniture cream, which is manufactured from the beeswax produced at the Yorton Honey Farm, Hardwicke Stables, Hadnell, Shropshire.

I was first drawn to the unusual products of a company called Town Talk by the Twenties-style logo of a man in a top hat and spats with the company's name making up the body.

The Town Talk Polish Company turns out to have been estabished in Bolton, Lancashire for all but 100 years.

It is forward-thinking for all that and is engaged, with Birmingham University, in a research programme which is concerned with reducing the tarnishing of silver.

The tests revealed, to Town Talk's satisfaction, that silver protected by its anti-tarnish polish was dramatically less likely to tarnish to the same degree as unprotected silver.

In addition to the anti-tarnish silver polish, there is silver foam, silver cutlery rinse, anti-tarnish silver polishing cloths, silver polishing mitts and dry silver polish.

The fluffy, baize-like cutlery and silver bags are vital for preventing silver scratching. Stockists include John Lewis Partnership branches and H. Samuel shops, although Town Talk makes own-label ranges for the big retailers including Harrods without, alas, the charming top-hatted logo that was designed by Austin Knight in the Twenties.

We have two enthusiastic users of Wag pet stain remover in this office. Un-housetrained puppies are unfortunately attracted back to the same spot and Wag is helpful in that it kills the bacteria which cause bad smells to linger.

It is a spray-on product, although some stubborn or old stains may need soaking and scrubbing off. It can safely be used on carpets, fabrics and all hard surfaces. Usefully, it can also be used to remove most household stains.

Antivan Chemicals also manufacture a graffiti cleaner. Both products are available by mail. Write to Antivan Chemicals, PO Box 24, Leatherhead, Surrey KT23 3LX for details.

Specialised stain removers are obviously a good idea and the Stain Devils range will cope with disasters on both clothes and furniture. Individual removers work on fruit and wine, mould and ink, coffee and tea, grease and oil, tar and paint, glue and chewing gum, rust and iron mould, felt tip pen, blood and milk and ball-point pen. Each works on a number of other stains as well and each pack, which costs 99p, includes a table showing what to use on which stain.

The newest product is a colour-run remover for disasters with unstable dyes; it costs £1·15 for a 75 gram pack. Further information from D.D.D. Ltd., 94 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts.

● Items from the new Marks & Spencer homecare range sketched clockwise from top left: concentrated fabric conditioner with automatic dispenser 99p, super-concentrated washing powder, equivalent to £10 size £2·50, decorated dustbin liners £1·99, and aluminium foil with embossed pattern 99p for 12 metres; from branches at Chelmsford, Glasgow (Argyle St.), Harrow, Kingston, Lincoln, Macclesfield, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, Sutton and Yeovil.

SSketch by PAUL KERN

Safety first . . .

WHY haven't more household cleaning products got child-resistant caps? You may well ask, with 10,000 children needing treatment for suspected poisoning each year.

But the trickle of such sensible caps appearing on the supermarket and chemists' shelves is likely to become a flood over the next year or so.

Marks & Spencer is launching a range of homecare products today, which are going into selected stores. The concentrated disinfectant has a child-resistant cap and the super-concentrated washing powder is sold in a plastic tub with a lid unlikely to be removed by small, probing hands.

Otherwise the new range has some interesting ideas, including press and seal poly bags in two sizes; perforated cling film which pulls off in sheets, and rolls of pedal bin liners that are a bit bigger than the standard size and so can be used for those sleek Italian pedal bins that are difficult to find bags to fit.

The fabric conditioner has an automatic dispenser which dispenses with those messy fillings of bottle caps, and the washing-up liquid with hand conditioner, cream cleanser and concentrated disinfectant are all excellent value at 85p for a 750ml pack.

Three cheers for Tesco, too, which introduced a child resistant container for its own-label bleach in February. Within the next year, it plans to pack all household and garden products in containers that children can't penetrate.

HINTS THAT ARE A MUST FOR WINE MAKERS

JENNIFER CURRY'S 50p-a-bottle wine tastes at least as good as that costing £2 or more at the supermarket.

Her moment of glory came when some friends with pretensions to being wine experts came to dinner and pronounced her own blend as the kind of wine that home wine-makers could never achieve.

Wine doesn't exactly run in her blood, as her parents didn't drink. But her grandfather was a herbalist and her Uncle Walter up north makes glorious wines which have inspired Jennifer to experiment outside the predictable possibilities of the wine-making kit.

She is a self-taught wine-maker who prefers red, which is easier to get right. "Home-made wines cost about 50p a bottle to make but it does take time," she said. "The only way to have a good stock is to keep going."

She has now written a book simplifying the art. "The Winemakers' Reference Book" (David and Charles £10·95.)

"I wrote my book because there was not a satisfactory reference book on the subject. Although I give a few ideas, mine is not really a recipe book for wine-makers. It explains the mystique, the methods you are presumed to understand."

First-time wine-makers can do no better than walk round to their nearest Boots and buy a kit, which is fool-proof if you follow the rules. Then we are free to explore the more experimental byways of wine-making, adding a bit of this and that to give our wine individuality.

The dry red wine with the lingering aftertaste we drank in her kitchen had the authentic touch, achieved by adding a handful of blackcurrants to the grape concentrate which is then activated, after being strained off, by the yeast and sugar.

Jennifer Curry remembers how she started with a kit from Boots when she was living in Edinburgh. "Then we decided to make some elderflower wine and went out to get our elderflowers. First you have to find some that haven't been ruined by diesel fumes. The ideal ones are those with smaller, creamy flowers, not the ones that are most spectacular."

She has found that some of the equipment used in wine-making scares people, but it is in fact very easy to use once you know how. One of these things is a hydrometer which is floated in the wine to discover its specific gravity, indicating how much sugar has been transformed into alcohol by the yeast.

Simple, once you know how, and there is an easily-understood explanation in Mrs Curry's book.

Maison Curry wines tend to be dry because that is how she likes them but she has noted that in Victorian wine-making books, the recipes turn out more like syrups, reflecting the sweet tooths of the time.

"Once you have got over the basic learning how to do it bit, you can get clever," she said. "But a lot of the words in wine-making books are mystifying, like pulp debris and Campden tablets.

"I thought there must be a lot of people like me who don't understand the language. It is a jargon that you have to understand when following the recipes.

"You can look everything up in my book which goes into detail. It's nice to play around with recipes and there is plenty of room for invention once you have grasped the basic rules."

When she was researching her wine-makers' bible, Mrs Curry talked to every wine-maker she could find and read every book she could discover on the subject.

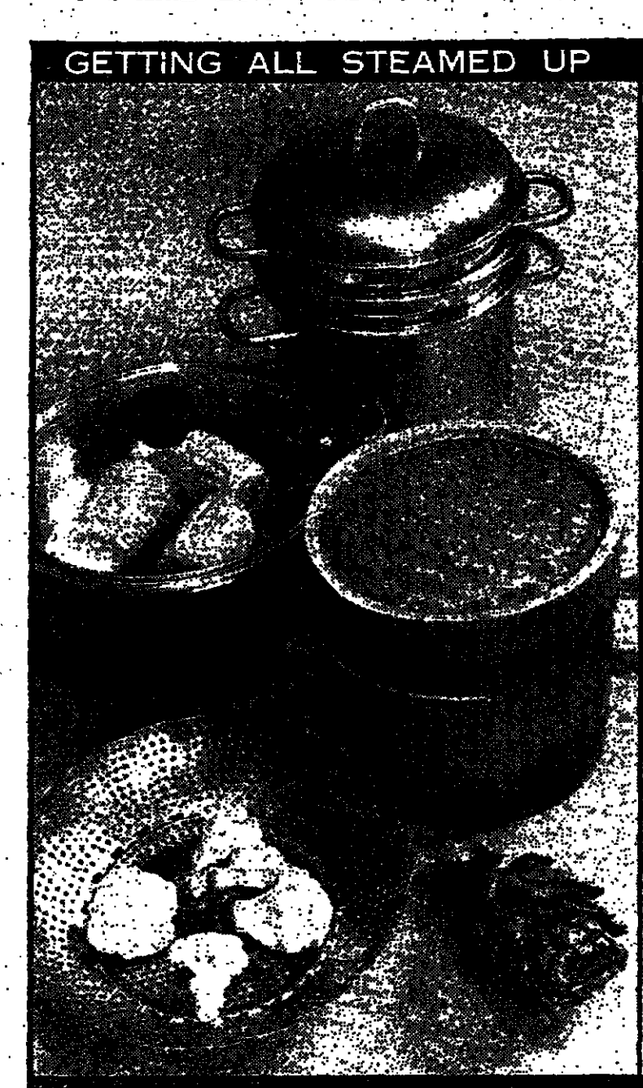
Wine-making is an exact science that those who have learnt the techniques tend to take for granted. Hopefully Mrs. Curry's book will dispel the doubts for the rest of us who will be inspired by her book to develop their own brand of everyday wine.

As she says in the introduction: "As a home wine-maker I have struggled with the complexities of the craft for many years. I have gazed in dismay at what looked like frog-spawn floating in the must. I have watched with horror as spilled wine dissolved the kitchen lino.

"But I've also shared with friends a perfect bottle of my own wine, full of flavour and fragrance, and memories of picking the fruit on a sun-drenched summer afternoon."

● Jennifer Curry in her kitchen with some of the equipment of the home wine-makers art. Picture by KENNETH MASON.

GETTING ALL STEAMED UP



STEAMING vegetables has obvious advantages over cooking them in a bubbling sea of water. Cooked in a steamer they retain their flavour and lose less of the vitamins and soluble salts that would otherwise escape into the water.

There is less likelihood of burning, and delicate vegetables retain their shape better.

Although the Chinese bamboo steamer pictured is more normally used for cooking dim sum dumplings, it can be used for vegetable steaming as well.

Pictured (by PAUL ARMIGER) from top: tower block steamer, with copper base sandwiched between stainless steel, pulls apart into deep-lidded casserole, steamer and bain marie. By ACS Cookware, casserole £52·50, steamer, £20 and bain marie, £18, from Harrods. Dutch oven by Meyer (left) has a glass lid and steamer insert. In either stainless steel, £19·75 or aluminium, £17·75. Steamer, £6·50. Prices approximate, from Debenhams. Three-tier bamboo steamer, £3·60 from Neal Street East, 5 Neal Street, Covent Garden, London WC2. Circular, family-size vegetable steamer, £4·95 from Boots Cookshops.

WHAT'S NEW

THE popularity of duvets must mean that a lot of people have spare blankets about the house. Help the Aged has launched an appeal to collect a quarter of a million blankets to send to keep the destitute warm in the Sudan and Ethiopia.

Branches of the Leeds Permanent Building Society are helping by acting as collection centres for the blankets which will be collected by National Carriers and fumigated before dispatch.

● The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is mounting an education programme to tell the public about foggy areas such as managing residential property, structural surveys or even selling a house by auction.

Leaflets are available from the RICS Information Centre in Parliament Square, London SW1.

● Prospective owners of Grande Famille and Grande Cuisine Magimix food processors will be glad to know that there is a whisk attachment available free (normally £8·95). This offer is available until the end of June.

● Wilkinson Sword's new range of homecraft scissors are designed with adjustable rivets which means you can pre-set the tension on the blades to suit the depth of material being cut.

The rivet is adjusted with a screwdriver and makes cutting much easier on a wide range of fabrics. The scissors are widely available and cost £12·95.

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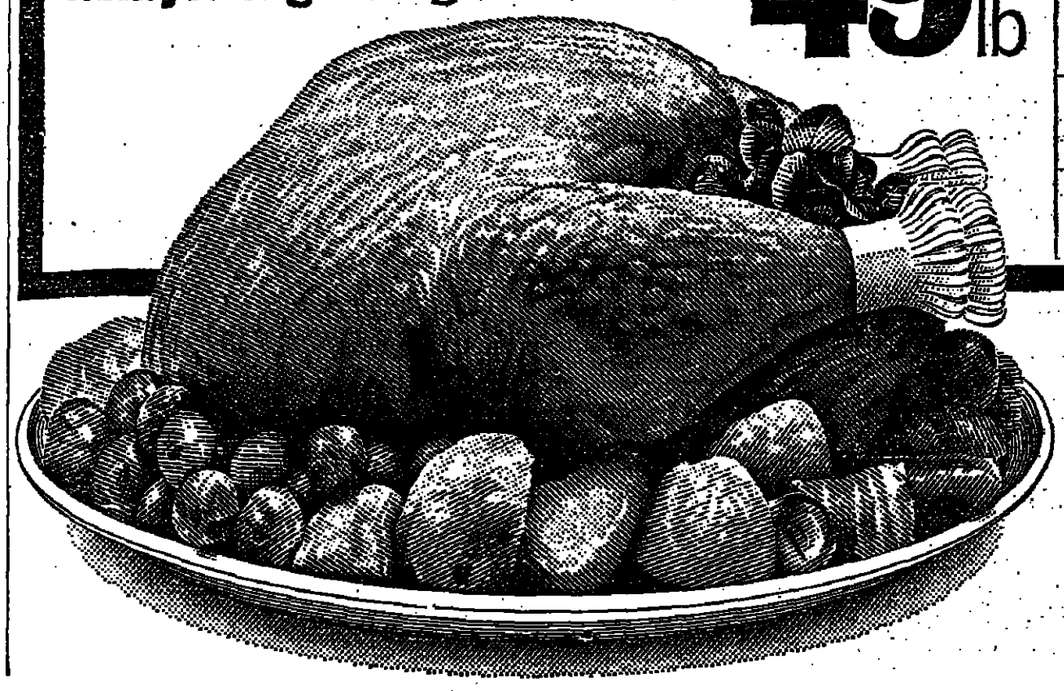

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LET THE MAIL THROUGH

FOURTEEN YEARS HAVE PASSED since last the mails faced widespread disruption. Those were the days when union leadership was riding the crest of the wave. Yet even then the nation managed pretty well without the postal service until the postmen went back to work. The climate today is rather different. The official T U C line today is that overtime is reprehensible. At a time of high unemployment employers should be induced to spread the jobs to extra hands instead: which is precisely what the Post Office wants to do. The Post Office workers seek to demonstrate that that is fine in theory, but unacceptable in practice.

Restricting benefits to those who have them is what crafts have been about since time immemorial, whatever the T U C may pretend. The Union of Communication Workers, however, faces a double threat which did not face its predecessors when they tried to exert their "industrial muscle" so unsuccessfully in 1971. Under the 1984 Trades Union Act they face crippling damages unless they secure endorsement of their membership for strike action in a ballot. Like Mr Scargill they evidently doubt that they could win a ballot: unlike Mr Scargill they are dealing with an employer who is prepared to make them pay if they do not.

So the likelihood must be that they will choose disruption of the postal services falling short of a strike. Which is where the second threat comes in. When the Government introduced legislation to encroach upon the fringes of the Post Office monopoly five years ago it gave warning that in future disruption of the mails would call in question the desirability of the monopoly itself. If the U C W does now embark upon a campaign of dislocation the Government should lose no time in activating that warning. Private enterprise has proved its capacity to move the mails it is allowed to carry. If the Union now presumes upon monopoly then the time has come to take it away.

A DANISH CONFRONTATION

NEAT AND ORDERLY DENMARK, which in many respects has never had it so good over the past two or three years, has been brought to a virtual standstill by what to all intents and purposes is an unofficial general strike. Despite the Government ordering private sector workers to go back, it will take some time for the strike to crumble completely. But Danes must now have no illusions about the determination of the centre-right minority coalition government—in office since September 1982—to adopt an economic policy which can be said to be tougher than Mrs Thatcher's.

The legislation passed by the Folketing at the weekend with the help of the opposition Radical party is exceptional to say the least. It imposes a two per cent. ceiling on wage rises over the next two years—binding on both unions and employers. There are increases in company taxes and a compulsory saving of eight per cent. of pay for all Danes with taxable incomes of more than £11,000 a year. To rub it in, the Government blithely ignored the demand for an immediate 35-hour week, and instead promised a reduction of one hour, and in 1987. It is perhaps no wonder that the Danish T U C, and the Left, are beside themselves with fury, pointing to an inflation rate of five per cent. Predictably there is a mounting and familiar chorus. The wage policy is "brutal," "provocative," and "reactionary." "You can't shove Danish workers around like that," said one senior union official.

Mr Poul Schluter, the Prime Minister, has had several things going for him (although Denmark's awesome foreign debt is not one of them) and he has kept his head above water with some nimble footwork, i.e. compromises with the Opposition on economic and defence policies. Denmark has probably had its fill of elections, and of umpteen parties, over the past 20 years and must have got used by now to minority governments. Rightly or wrongly the workers feel cheated of what they see as their share of recent prosperity. By no means a singular grievance.

UNIVERSITY PLANNING

TODAY'S PUBLICATION of the Jarratt Report on university efficiency could not have been better timed. It follows close on the thunderous rumblings delivered some 10 days ago to the nation's vice-chancellors by Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, who has the unenviable task of chairing the University Grants Committee. He told them clearly that, while Sir Keith Joseph will continue to expect universities to deliver the academic goods, they will have to do so without extra cash. Indeed, for the remainder of this confusing decade they are unlikely to receive more than a paltry two per cent. per year *below* inflation.

And Sir Peter warned the heads of our 44 universities that the only way to cope with continuing *cuts might* be the wholesale closure of departments. If that became impracticable, he added ominously, "the likely consequences will be the closure of complete universities."

Now along comes Sir Alex Jarratt leading the cavalry to the possible rescue. His report is a package demanding action by every party, the Government, the U G C, the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and the universities themselves. In the end, it is they that must pull up their composite academic socks. Although no specific savings as such are mentioned, a waste of time and money is implied within those ivory towers. Universities should cut down on cumbersome committee meetings that lack command and structure. Dons should become more flexible and stop confusing academic freedom with licence. As for universities, they should plan ahead.

But asking universities to perform such a feat without the wherewithal to perform it is like expecting a man to walk blindfold a tightrope spanning a chasm. That is why the Government must give the institutions sufficient notice of exactly how much they will be able to spend, if not over a quinquennial period as in bygone decades then at least for a three-year period. It would be foolish to leave them blindfold — almost as foolish as to starve them altogether. The country has barely any natural resources other than brains. They need to be nurtured. The Jarratt proposals, if properly implemented, would be as good a way as any to nurture them.

South Africa—where stones mean more than words

THE Rev. Sam Buti is a man who believes in God. The abolition of apartheid and the release of Nelson Mandela. He is also a visionary who is actively working to create a model township out of the ageing shantytown of Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

Within the space of a week recently, black radicals bombarded Mr Buti's home in Alexandra with rocks and then destroyed it, along with his treasured collection of theological works, with fire bombs detonated in the dead of night.

Their motive was obvious. Sam Buti accepted the job as mayor of Alexandra and therefore committed the crime, in radical eyes, of participating in the new system of black local government introduced by Mr P. W. Botha's Government as part of the reform package.

No matter that for years he had, as general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, campaigned against apartheid and for the betterment of his fellow blacks. No matter that, single handed, he prevented the Government from razing Alexandra township and removing its 80,000 residents. By becoming Mayor, he was a "stooge" and a "sell-out."

The same epithets are directed at Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu. An outspoken critic of apartheid and a man who has firmly resisted Government attempts to impose independence on his tribal homeland, Chief Buthelezi accepted the title of chief minister of Kwazulu and is therefore deemed to be part of "the system."

Treacherous ways

THE message is clear, opposition to apartheid is not enough, striving to improve the lot of black people, if it means working within any Government structure, is downright treachery. As Bishop Desmond Tutu remarked recently — with a chuckle — "One young man with a stone in his hand can achieve far more than I can with a dozen sermons."

The rocks fly in black townships across the country. Mob violence now appears to be endemic. Invariably it is the heavy-handed riot control methods of the police which catch the leads and lenses but when the teargas and tyre smoke clears, there is sure to be the person and property of a local black councillor or official among the carnage.

Spontaneous or inspired? Doubtless a mixture but there can be no gainsaving the capability of black radical organisations to mobilise, at the drop of a pamphlet, the student masses to protest violently against anything from rent increases to the price of an exercise book.

In the light of such revolutionary actions, what price Mr Botha's reform policies? Would the radicals really be satisfied with the scrapping of all discriminatory legislation, the creation of a Fourth Chamber of Parliament for blacks, the release of Mandela and a round table conference with the African National Congress? Would they be satisfied with any combination of concessions and compromises short of the capitulation of white power?

Like Bishop Tutu, the United Democratic Front, which represents more than 600 groups from ladies' knitting circles to increasingly potent trade unions, professes to believe in peaceful change. Government suspicions of this sentiment resulted in the recent arrest of most of the U D F leadership to await trial for high treason.

The turmoil in the townships came as no surprise to Mr Botha and his colleague. "We expected trouble the moment we embarked

CHRISTOPHER MUNNION

looks at the problems facing some of the leading radicals

upon evolutionary change," a Cabinet Minister confided in Cape Town. "There will always be unrest during times of constitutional change."

Some of his colleagues go further. They believe the township upheavals have been deliberately fomented by the A N C and its fellow-travellers (among whom they count the U D F) because they fear the reformist movement will succeed.

At the other end of the political spectrum there is ill-concealed glee in the laagers of the ultra-right. The pace of reform may *seem tentative to the outside* world but to the Afrikaner traditionalist it is positively dizzy.

Dr Andries Treurnicht's Conservative party reports that its ranks are swelling daily with disillusioned members of the National party to whom Mr Botha's reform policies are indivisible from township unrest and a reeling economy.

Dr Treurnicht has been mesmerising ever-larger audiences with spine-chilling assertions that Mr Botha's National party has finally parted with the policy of separate development and is now committed to "political integration with blacks."

Two impending by-elections are likely to prove that his dire warnings are being heeded by many whites. The white backlash could well see the Conservative party becoming the official opposition before very long and some of its leaders are confident of making the next logical step.

But what precisely has Mr Botha done to create such a crisis of expectations? He and his Ministers have said much, made many promises and have alluded to all kinds of new deals, or "dispensations" as they like to call them, but what has actually happened?

In the new Parliament, leaders of the Coloured and Indian parties in their respective chambers have found they have been obliged to vote with the Government, rather than the Opposition, but are still unable to join white M Ps for tea or coffee in their members' lounge.

Urban blacks have irrevocably been accepted as permanent residents in South Africa, as opposed to temporary visitors from the homelands, but influx control and resettlement policies have been retained, albeit with a more humane application.

The laws forbidding sex and marriage across the colour line may go, but yet another parliamentary committee will have yet another look at the possible ramifications of removal on other segregationist laws.

Nelson Mandela has been offered freedom on terms he could not possibly accept without losing his political credibility and his symbolism for "the struggle."

An intriguing suggestion has been made that Mr Botha has been working to a script — a lecture delivered in South Africa in 1981 by Prof Sam Huntington of Harvard, an international authority of reform strategy.

Drawing freely on Machiavelli, Prof. Huntington postulated that the reformer must essentially employ ambiguity, concealment and deception.

The politics of reform, he argued, is basically a tripartite process with the reform leader fighting a two-front war against both stand-patters and revolutionaries, while at the same time attempting to divide and confuse his enemies.

Violent methods

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Yet, says Prof. Huntington, the reformer must be ready to welcome and even use violence when it serves his purposes since it is usually necessary in order to generate a broad enough coalition to put through reforms.

He quotes Machiavelli: "Whoever wishes to reform an existing government in a free state should at least preserve the semblance of the old forms."

It is possible that Mr Botha has neither Prof. Huntington nor Machiavelli in his bedside bookcase. But if the name of the game in South Africa is control of the dynamics of change, Mr Botha, as things stand, looks very much in control.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JENKIN AND PLANNER'S ROLE

SIR—That Mr R. J. Perry's shots in his letter of March 19 were close to the bull is indicated by the swiftness of the reply by Mr Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment (March 23).

In fairness to Mr Jenkin, only the least sensitive and most wounding of his remarks to county planning officers were reported (I have read the transcript of the offending speech).

This is understandable because, although he recounted that some of his predecessors showered local authorities with well-meant banalities, he has not been, nor on this occasion was, innocent of the same offence.

For all that he made some good points, mainly resurrected from the past, which he failed to develop. Instead he stated that the role of planning must be positively and consciously to promote and stimulate change. If he believes this, it is essential that he should now adopt the more comprehensive approach to it that local authorities, for economic, social, health and environmental purposes, have been trying to take for some time.

On the subject of structure plans he said: "If I was paid a penny for every page of every structure plan submitted to me, I would be a very rich man indeed."

By similar token, were he to be paid a penny for every uncomprehending, nonsensical ambiguity that he sends out in the form of advice he might even be richer. At whose dictate are structure plans compiled, and who is responsible for the inexcusable delays in adopting alterations made to them?

In a speech full of naive philosophy he asks questions without offering solutions and ends up with his "market orientated planning" needle stuck in the same groove of his record which failed to hit the charts in 1983.

After all the representations that have been made to him emphasising the deeper concerns underlying many of the objections to immediate and massive housebuilding in the South-East, his comments are objectionable.

No authority in my part of the country resists development for the simplistic and selfish reasons stated by Mr Jenkin, and it is as exhausting to patience as it is taxing to loyalty to have his ill-considered opinions repeated *ad nauseam*.

The comprehensive report on Land for Housing completed by the House of Commons Environment Committee underlines the superficiality of his views. Were this report to be properly debated in the House Mr Jenkin might be jolted out of his dream of being canonised as the patron saint of the housebuilding industry.

For 19 months he has been content to discharge his piece and flee the field. In the House he would not be able to do this.

It is true that, in his speech, he emphasised the importance of enhancing our environment and improving the quality of our people's lives. We will not be able to do this without first bringing the infrastructure of large parts of the region to a necessary minimum standard. There was not one familiar contradiction on which he failed to lay great stress.

His problems are unlikely to be solved by ascribing to others motives baser than his own. A glasshouse is an insecure base from which to hurl rocks at anyone, least of all his own supporters.

(Cllr) P. A. DUCKWORTH
Chairman, Hart Dist. Cncl,
Fleet, Hants.

Progressive training for the unemployed

SIR—I have read with considerable interest the recent letters concerning *apprentice training*. I am afraid that the Rev. Colin Aspel is not entirely correct when he states: "No programme yet is adventurous enough to genuinely enhance our national skill stock, nor offer long-term hope to the participants" (March 22).

There is an initiative which provides a balanced and progressive programme of skills, training and technical education, both to nationally recognised standards, which is offered in such a way that the unemployed, regardless of age or sex, can attend and remain eligible for benefit payments.

The long-term hopes of the participants are catered for by the fact that these courses do not end after one year and the unemployed can progress to a second, third or fourth year if they fail to obtain employment.

Employers favour these courses because they enable an unemployed youngster to attend the same part-time day course which he would have attended had he obtained an apprenticeship.

In addition to the part-time day class these courses include one full day of relevant skills training to a standard approved and monitored by the City and Guilds Skills Testing Section. Courses *are offered in all engineering trades* relevant to local industry and range from welding and motor vehicle work to electronics and information technology.

Although this scheme—the Grimsby devised "50-50" Plan—is essentially a local initiative, it has attracted some national interest. Over 50 other colleges have requested and received details.

(Dr) E. R. WHITTLEY
Director of Development,
Grimsby College of Technology,
South Humberside.

Management reaction to employees' request

SIR—It was with some interest that I read Mr Maurice Weaver's article (March 26) in which a somewhat depressing picture for the trade unions was depicted.

However, I believe that one should consider whether any other voluntary organisation within this country could have sustained the consistent attacks which have been made upon the trade union movement since 1979. I cannot recall any other period in Britain's history when an elected Government has so consistently sought to impair the operation of any organisation within society and indeed one wonders whether or not the Secretary of State for Employment should now be re-designated as the Secretary of State for Trade Union Affairs.

Clearly, Mr King, and even more so his predecessor Mr Tebbit, has ignored the problems of unemployment and concentrated instead upon methods of re-organising the trade unions.

One of the earliest, and perhaps most significant, legal changes was the decision to repeal Section 11 of the Employment Protection Act in 1980. While being fairly insignificant in its legal effects, it was a clear encouragement to employers to refuse any form of recognition to trade unions, for of course Section 11 allowed the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to intervene in cases of reluctance from employers.

The effects of this change were seen very clearly by a group of employees in Leeds during 1984. Early in the year the vast majority of the staff employees of an I M I company based in Leeds decided, quite freely, to join a trade union. The employer's reaction to this was to refuse even to discuss conditions of employment either with elected domestic representatives or with myself as their full-time officer. Indeed, the first three of my letters to the management were completely ignored and it was only when I wrote to a senior official of the I M I organisation that recognition was refused.

While I can see no logic, in a free society, for employers being able to refuse discussions with their employees' representatives, it is from experience of this situation that one begins to understand why such employees were unprepared to continue their membership of a trade union.

It is surely a sad reflection on our society that the only way in which these workers could have made their feelings known to their management would have been to embark on a campaign of industrial action which they were clearly deterred from doing.

BOB PARSONS
Div. Organiser,
A U E W-T A S S, Yorkshire.
Castleford, Yorks.

Keeping pace with inflation

SIR—Mr J. B. Purkis (March 26) takes issue with the Chancellor on the notion of "keeping pace with inflation" and in doing so offers in his last paragraph a neat syllogism, which I beg leave to refute in his terms.

His *major* is, "The annual rate of inflation is the measure of cost and tax increases over the preceding 12 months." His minor is, "Any new increase is new inflation." His conclusion is, "It is an irrelevance to compare the two."

I agree with his *major* in part, but deny his *minor* absolutely. We agree that the rate of inflation is a measurement; but a measurement cannot be identical with what it measures; therefore a new increase in itself cannot be new inflation. On the contrary, other things being equal, increases in costs are of necessity deflationary.

A propos, what became of that simple definition on everyone's lips some 30 years ago, "Inflation is caused by too much money chasing too few goods?"

FRANCIS ROBINS
Deddington, Oxford.

In search of a party

SIR—I cannot imagine why Miss A. C. Hannay (March 29) feels shame at having left the Tory party and joined the Alliance.

I felt no shame when I left it during Mr Heath's reign, after having belonged to it all my life. I knew I had done the right thing. He appeared to me not to have the slightest idea of the needs of the labour force and I was right, as events proved.

So having decided to leave I had to consider whether to join the Liberals or Labour. I liked Mr Callaghan's personality, but even then sensed the Red Left wing was wagging the tail of the party. I therefore decided to join the Liberals and I'm glad I did.

I only wish more people would join the Alliance and so defeat both the Tory and Labour parties at the next General Election.

(Miss) MARY BARFIELD.
Pett Level, E. Sussex.

Training in social work

SIR—In 1948, specially trained Children's Officers and Child Care Officers were appointed to work in each county.

The outcry over the death of one foster child had led to the setting up, by the Government, of the Curtis Committee, whose recommendations were implemented in the 1948 Children's Act.

Now social workers are not specialised in any one discipline and yet are expected to deal with an impossibly wide range of problems.

How many more cases of maltreatment and deaths of children must occur before we can again have properly trained and selected social workers in this field?

JEAN COLLARD
Former Asst Children's Officer,
Dorset County Cncl,
Wantage, Oxon.

School library

SIR—As the former Headteacher of St Charles' School, North Kensington, who is supposed to have resigned after pressure from the Inner London Education Authority forced him to get rid of many books from the school library, may I say, that the report is complete nonsense and I can only think has come from a source deliberately trying to make mischief.

Our school library was never closed: it was moved to a better location at the suggestion of Mrs Pullen, the Inner London Education Authority Inspector, who also made many helpful suggestions about ways of up-dating our stock of books, but at no time ever ordered us to get rid of any, let alone introduce a "black-list."

"Tom Sawyer," "Robinson Crusoe," "Tin-Tin" and Ladybird books are still used at St Charles.

I left the school in December, 1984, when I was promoted to the post of Schools Officer for the Central Area of the Archdiocese of Westminster and to link my resignation with dislike of I L E A policies is untrue.

In my new post I still work very closely with the I L E A and Mrs Pullen for whom I have the greatest respect. The views of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission on Multi Ethnic Education are very close to those expressed by the I L E A and I fully support them.

JOHN CULLINANE
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London Area Office,
Diocese of Westminster.
London, W.10.

Bombs on Rotterdam

SIR—Frau Gerda Visser (March 27) asks why we bombed Dresden in 1945. The Russians asked us to do so since supplies for the front were moving through Dresden to attack our allies.

Can she tell me why the Germans bombed Rotterdam in 1940 *after* the Dutch forces had surrendered?

A. BENDING
Taunton.

One more who won't be keeping us posted

WHEN the big guns start firing, old soldiers keep their heads well below the parapet. Like Lord (Joe) Gormley during the miners' dispute, Tom Jackson, the one-time leader of the Union of Post Office Workers, is politely declining to air his views as a postal strike looms.

Some 14 years ago he was at the centre of a bitter industrial confrontation when the postmen took on Ted Heath's policy of incomes restraint — and lost.

Today, quietly settled in Ilkley where he runs a successful bookselling business, the man whose walrus moustache was once one of the wonders of the trade union movement says he prefers to keep well out of it. Ironically, a considerable slice of his trade is conducted by mail-order.

Finest hour

ON THE THIRD anniversary of the Falkland invasion today, I have been given an eyewitness account by the commander of the tiny British garrison, Major Mike Norman, of the day's events when the Argentinian Admiral Carlos Busser came under truce to demand surrender.

Norman recalls the odd scene in a forthcoming collection of on the spot accounts, "Above All, Courage," edited by Max Arthur, that the tall Argentinian wore a baseball hat, spoke impeccable English and insisted on shaking hands with everyone.

Notwithstanding the overwhelming odds against the British, Governor Rex Hunt's reaction was phlegmatic: "This is British property. You are not invited. I want you to leave and take your men with you."

Hunt's sang-froid was, however, eclipsed by one Falklander who walked by the Governor's house on the same day, bearing a white flag in one hand and his sandwiches in another, as bullets sprayed the tarmac. Asked what the blazes he was doing, he replied: "It's all right for you but some of us have got to work."

A reader visiting his local pub in Penwortham, Lancs., the other day reports that he parked his car next to a Ford Granada which sported the number plate: 14 ALE.

Liberal sprinkling

THE CRACKPOT list of honorary vice-presidential candidates for the Young Liberals has now been updated to include Ian Botham. The former England cricket captain is nominated as a "victim of repressive drug laws."

Among the other candidates are the American comedian Bill Murray, Arthur Scargill, who is erroneously described as "a semi-victorious strike leader," a dog called Anna Tillingham, and Clive Ponting, the first S D P member ever to be so honoured — although I suspect his nomination has got nothing to do with his party affiliation.

Liberal M Ps Michael Meadowcroft and Simon Hughes, who are also on the list, may find it just a trifle embarrassing if they are beaten by Anna Tillingham, but I trust not much.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

Second string

FOLLOWING my story about pensions paid to the I R A by the Dublin Government, Sir John Biggs-Davison, M P, tells me that the British, in one notorious instance, did so too.

David Neligan was employed by the Royal Irish Constabulary in Dublin Castle during the "troubles" and was privy to many Government secrets. At the same time he was working as a double agent for Michael Collins, the I R A's mastermind.

Lloyd George's man on the spot, Sir Alfred Cope later, however, used him as a go-between to Collins in order to sign the truce and Neligan was rewarded with a police pension after Irish independence. He died recently, having published his memoirs "Spy in the Castle," drawing his pension to the end.

Going Forth

THE LAST SHIP still in the Navy to see service in the 1939-45 War left Plymouth yesterday under tow to a breaker's yard in Rochester.

She is the 10,000-ton submarine depot ship Forth which was first commissioned in 1939 and served in the Atlantic and later at Suez.

Forth is exceeded in size only by the Navy's three aircraft carriers and was converted in the 'Sixties as a mother ship for nuclear submarines. It was this conversion which delayed her departure to the breakers for seven years because of fears of residual radioactivity on board.

Breaking glass

A CHARACTERISTIC gesture on the part of that stalwart of Sussex cricket "Young George" Cox, who died at the weekend, was recalled yesterday. It relates to a charity cricket match at Burgess Hill in which he took part in the 1930s.

During the course of scoring an undefeated century Cox hit one ball 150 yards, straight through a stained glass window in the local parish church.

The vicar, who was watching the match, was allowed to start a collection among spectators to repair the damage. The cricketer, told of the appeal when he returned to the pavilion, immediately set out to help by taking the cap round before he had even taken off his pads.

Jimmy Edwards, the hirsute comedian and wartime amuziator, has sent me a letter he received from Chris Jones, the managing director of the Venice Simplon Orient Express. The letter, actually a computer mailshot, begins: "Dear Mr D F C."

Speaker hung

BERNARD Weatherill, the Speaker of the House of Commons, is about to grace the grand staircase of Croydon Town Hall for posterity as his first official portrait, presented by a local builder, is to be hung there.

The picture, by the Welsh artist David Griffiths who also painted his predecessor Viscount Tonypandy, has been bought by Leon Hill, the chairman of Mansell Ltd., whose company has been based in the borough for 80 years, without ever feeling moved to present anything to the borough before. Weatherill has been a local M P since 1964.

Spook in the wheel

THE LOCAL theatre at Harpenden, Herts, seems to have taken a leaf out of British Rail's book. It recently sent out a note to regulars saying: "We regret to inform you that 'The Ghost Train' which was scheduled for the week commencing 4th March, 1985, has been cancelled."

PETERBOROUGH

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Tate spends £1m on painting Gowrie rejected

By ROBERT BEDLOW Estates Correspondent

THE TATE has paid more than £1 million for Giorgio de Chirico's surrealist painting "The Uncertainty of the Poet," said by the trustees of the late Sir Roland Penrose, founder of the Institute of Contemporary Arts.

Sir Roland died last April, aged 83. The painting was sold to meet a £1,250,000 Capital Transfer Tax bill on his £4,505,131 net estate.

His son Anthony, who inherited an 850-acre farm, may be forced to sell other paintings from his father's outstanding private collection.

Several Picassos and works by Max Ernst, Miro, Giacometti, Magritte and Henry Moore are included in this collection.

The de Chirico was offered by the trustees in lieu of tax, but the painting, valued at £5 milion, was refused by the Earl of Gowrie, Arts Minister.

A Tate spokesman said: "When such a work is refused, in lieu scheme is not working it suggests that the acceptance properly. This is a book-keeping exercise, and no public expenditure is involved, and the financial transaction is a notional one."

Not to be missed

The gallery said of the de Chirici: "Although it takes up over half the funds available to the Tate for acquisitions, this rare opportunity could not be missed."

The Surrealist collection at the Tate, already one of the finest in the world, would now have very few rivals, a spokesman said. A public appeal to help buy the de Chirico has already been helped with a donation from the National Art Collections Fund.

The £1 million purchase price will be paid in instalments to Sir Roland's estate.

The estate will not have to pay any tax, because the painting was sold by private treaty under what is known as the "Douceur" (sweetener) system. Present tax law allows this where any work of art is offered to a gallery.

If the painting had been sold by auction, an estate the size of Sir Roland's would have been liable to Capital Gains Tax, Capital Transfer Tax and Estate Duty.

CHINA TO STAMP OUT SPITTING

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

CHINA has begun to stamp out spitting. The habit of a lifetime for the masses and an aspect of the Middle Kingdom that truly horrifies visitors.

A polished white spittoon is always placed alongside the chair of Teng Hsiao-ping, the State's 80-year-old leader, just before he grants an audience to a foreign dignitary.

The success of a meeting is often judged by observers on the number of times he uses it during a conversation.

Aides of Mrs Thatcher were quick to note that he only hawked twice during talks in December, a mark of great favour. If Teng dislikes a caller, he is reputed to make a point of clearing his throat with exceptional vigour every five or six minutes.

Crudest noise

Chinese regard it as perfectly normal to spit and blow their noses without resorting to a handkerchief. The art seems to be to make the crudest noise possible.

The streets of most cities echo daily to the growl of hawkers, and until now nobody has been too worried by the shudders of fastidious foreigners.

However, officers of elite units in the Chinese Air Force have decided that the spitting must stop.

For reasons of "environmental sanitation," their headquarters compound in Peking has been declared a no-hawking area.

An order has been issued to prohibit the "bad habit." Anyone caught breaking the rules is to "have his or her name made public," and be "punished by working a day cleaning up the compound."

COURT MURDER

Two gunmen on a motorcycle killed a criminal court public prosecutor in Athens yesterday and fled.—Reuter.

Tate acquisition : Giorgio de Chirico's masterpiece "The Uncertainty of the Poet."

£62,000 POSTER

By ALISON BECKETT Art Sales Correspondent

AN advertisement for 1902 Vienna exhibition designed by the Austrian artist Koloman Moser made a new record for a poster when it was sold at Christie's South Kensington last night for £62,000.

Sent for auction by a German vendor, it was printed in colour and depicted three women, said variously to represent the three genii of the Arts and the three major groups of artists of the day in Vienna.

Moser was one of the original members of the Secessionist group, for whose eighth exhibition this was produced. Christie's believed it was the first time the poster had appeared on the open market.

Other highlights of the poster sale which totalled £131,990 for about 170 lots included Alphonse Mucha's "Princess Hyacinth" at £6,500 and Toulouse - Lautrec's "Jane Avril" at £3,200.

BBC uses Concorde for Press launch

By HARVEY LEE Television Staff

THE B B C insisted yesterday that licence fee money would not be used to pay for an extravagent Press conference aboard a chartered Concorde due to fly from Heathrow to Edinburgh this morning, and return just two hours later.

The flight is a publicity stunt to herald B B C coverage of the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh next year.

British Airways, which would normally charge at least £50,000 to hire out th aircraft, said it had donated the supersonic flight to help boost air traffic on its international and domestic flights during the Games.

A spokeswoman said the B B C had also agreed to make a film for worldwide distribution, featuring Concorde and encouraging supporters and athletes to fly with British Airways to the event.

The Concorde is due to leave this morning, with Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of B B C Television, various executives, athletes Tessa Sanderson and Allan Wells and other sports and show business journalists.

During the 80-minute flight, the airliners will circle Edinburgh Castle, and provide the captive press corps with a champagne breakfast.

After a two-hour press conference, the plane will head back to London to land just after lunch.

The flight was designed to induce journalists to attend o conference at which the B B C will publicise its Commonwealth Games coverage and its broadcast in July of a Royal Gala, expected to raise £250,000 towards the Games appeal fund.

A B B C spokesman said: "We have no financial involvement in the flight at all. Our interest is simply to publicise and popularise the Games.

"But knowing how much such a flight could cost, we have naturally gone to town to make sure it is a success."

Multi-culture books on increase

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

AN increasing number of teachers at inner London primary schools are using reading books that reflect a multi-cultural society and which are produced by the Inner London Education Authority's own learning resources branch, it was claimed yesterday.

The stories read by children aged five to nine and nine to 13 — including folk tales that show the weak outwitting the strong and offer children "a wide range of cultures and backgrounds" — were described to me.

At the same time, the I L E A made it clear that none of its inspectors had ever ordered books to be removed from school library shelves as was reported in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH yesterday.

The former headmaster of St Charles Roman Catholic primary school in North Kensington, Mr John Cullinane, assured me that, although the inspector concerned, Mrs Pamela Pullen, did not like the Ladybird reading scheme, she had not banned it and it was still being used at the school.

Reverse racism

He said that one book had been "chucked out." Called "The Quicker Wits," its heroes were all black and the "dunderheads" were white. It was a matter of "reverse racism."

Mr Cullinane, whose letter appears on the opposite page, said: "In fairness, Mrs Pullen was not the villain."

He agreed that many books were sold off to parents but this was mainly because they were old.

He agreed that the Ladybird scheme was considered by some people as too structured, middle class and sexist because little girls were always helping mummy in the kitchen and boys were with daddy in the garage.

"But we were not ordered to remove the books and I should never have complied with such an order," he said.

Around the world

Among the books described to me as "in" were a series called "Explore a Story" which contained stories of people from many parts of the world, including Africa, China, Haiti, Jamaica, New Zealand, Italy—and England.

Another book, "Share a Story" for children aged five to 11, was a collection of folk tales from Africa and the Caribbean, which can be read by a teacher with children following the story on a picture frieze or heard on tape—so that pupils may hear a "variety of accents and different forms of spoken English." Later they may tell the stories to each other.

Letters: Facing Page.

Council officials press for ban on race row head

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

THE ROW over Mr Raymond Honeyford, the headmaster whose job is threatened because he criticised the council's race relations policy, took a surprise twist yesterday as seven council officers found themselves facing possible disciplinary action for an attack on him.

Mr Raymond Honeyford

In a secret memorandum, leaked to a local newspaper, the seven race training officer, including five Asians, tried to get Mr Honeyford banned from attending a five - day "racism awareness" course.

The council has made attendance at a course compulsory for head teachers, and Mr Honeyford had booked a place for the end of the year.

Any head who fails to attend automatically loses the right to hire staff.

They claimed that to send Mr Honeyford on a course would "give him credibility and power to recruit, and would show the council to be colluding with a known racist."

'Gross insult'

The officers claimed that to train him would be "a gross insult to a large percentage of Bradford's population," and would "further erode" the confidence of the Asian minority in the council's race relations policy.

Yesterday, just 36 hours before the council is expected to decide Mr Honeyford's fate, Mr Richard Wightman, Bradford's Conservative chairman of the race relations advisory group, wrote on behalf of the controlling Tory group condemning the officers' attack and demanding an investigation.

They could face disciplinary action themselves for what Mr Wightman calls their intolerance towards the man they want dismissed.

In his letter to Mr Brian McAndrew, the council's personnel director, he demands an investigation and "urgent measures to restore the Conservative group's confidence in these courses."

Pointing out that Bradford's race relations policy is based on tolerance, he writes: "Racial intoletrance thrives on the twin pillars of bigotry and intolerance, and the authority's officers seem to be using the same weapons."

The officers' memorandum, which may have beten circulated to the council sub-committee which eight days ago passed a motion of no confidence in Mr Honeyford, was "just the immature posturing of self-appointed spokespeople" unless the seven could produce evidence for hteir allegations, Mr Wightman adds.

Two petitions bearing 7,000 signatures of supporters of the headmaster were handed in to the city hall yesterday. One, organised by the Friends of Drummond Middle School, Mr Honeyford's 90 per cent. Asian school, carried 5,000 signatures and the promise of many more to come as further petition forms are returned.

Mr Honeyford himself was upset by the officers' memorandum, saying that what they are reported to have written was "not only highly damaging professionally, but also personally deeply offensive."

He added: "I'm appalled by what they have said about me. I've never been, and could never have been, a racist. I could not have done my job if I had been."

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, Mr Honeyford's union, condemned the race training officers' "scandalous attempt to force the local authority to take disciplinary action against Ray Honeyford."

"Their memorandum showed that the council's officers were incapable of giving the detached and unprejudiced advice they were employed to offer the councillors," he added.

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Irregular day for leading industrials

THE start of the second leg of the long Easter trading account witnessed quiet and rather mixed conditions in London stock markets yesterday. Blue chip industrials continued to move irregularly, with further profit-taking sales in the major dollar earners, but scattered bright features were again in evidence on takeover hopes and other special factors.

Stockbrokers spent a fair amount of time advising their clients on short-term action related to capital gains tax positions and were reminding them that, as far as financial year dealings are concerned, the deadline is 3.30 p.m. on Thursday.

The latest survey from the Confederation of British Industry was judged encouraging, but dealers said that investors were reluctant to open new commitments ahead of the Easter break, hence a trading session mainly confined to the special situations.

Among the leaders, **Imperial Chemical Industries** fell afresh to 746p in early business on suggestions that the company's earnings prospects could be dented by the decline in the dollar, but buyers appeared at the lower levels and the shares rebounded to close 2 easier at 759p.

Some dealers were suggesting that the dollar could recover its poise on the short-term and this was one of the reasons for the rally in Imperial Chemical Industries. Jaguar, recently weaker with the American currency, managed a 5 rally to 300p. The "30" index closed with a loss of 0·5 at 963·8, while the "100" index was finally 1·3 firmer at 1,278·5, after 1,275·8.

Dealers in government securities were keeping their usual close watch on the currency scene and, with sterling slipping easier, there was a slight deterioration in the undertone of the market. However, there was little in the way of selling pressure and the printed price lists showed only minor alteration.

A good deal of interest centred on the market debut of **New London Oil**, with jobbers pitches crowded at the "off." The shares issued at 175p, opened at 205p, but slipped to 198p on profit-taking before improving again to close at 208p.

First-time business in **Associated Steel Distributors** were quieter, but the shares managed a premium of 11p on the placing price of 155p.

Prince of Wales Hotels fell from 112p to 100p on news that Tadale has sold its 51 p.c. stake in the business; Quality Inns bought some of the shares to increase its stake from 20 p.c. to 29·9 p.c., while the remainder were placed with institutions. The market remains convinced that Quality Inns will make full-scale offer for Prince of Wales Hotels, but dealers were disappointed that the American group had decided not to go beyond 29·9 p.c. just now.

Leading bank shares attracted some investment interest, with **Lloyds** 8 higher at 527p, and **National Westminster** 9 up at 624p. Elsewhere in financials, **Exco International** met support and ended 18 to the good at 688p.

Building issues were scarcely tested, but **Burnett & Hallamshire** ran into sellers after their recent rally and lost 10 to 80p. **Higgs & Hill** were again wanted at 317p, up 7, while **Watts Blake & Bearne** improved to 248p on the results and news of a one-for-five scrip issue.

Selling by small shareholders who did not wish pay the forthcoming call had little effect on **British Telecom**, which finished the session a shade better at 141p. Laporte met support after the official close and ended 6 higher at 408p, while other firm spots included **B A T Industries**, 7 better at 330p, **Vickers**, 6 up at 252p, and **T I Group**, 4 higher at 242p.

Follow-through demand after recent figures left **G Willis** 28 up at 151p, while interest ahead of today's results brought strength in **Pearsons**, 17 higher at 705p, and **Eastern Produce**, 8 better at 385p. **Morgan Crucible** were ex rights at 206p, with the new at 18p premium. **Manor National** were halted at 121p pending an announcement.

Windsor Securities jumped 13 to 62p following news that Lander Investment had secured a 10·89 p.c. stake in the group. Awaiting the outcome of the Minit International bid situation, **Energy Services** were 6 better at 96p, while other firm features included **Stocklake Holdings**, at 142p, **Australian Agricultural**, at 280p, **Dom International**, at 86p, and **British Car Auctions**, at 88p, the last-named reflecting the recent figures.

Photo-Me International advanced 9/16 to £11 9/16 on the results and one-for-six scrip issue, while satisfactory figures were also responsible for gains in **Alida Holdings**, 14 up at 186p, and **Spirax-Sarco**, 4 firmer at 276p. **Low & Bonar** were on offer in late business and reacted 16 to 408p.

Dealers were pleased with the results from **Laird Group**, which gained 8 to 169p. **Braham Millar**, the quoted subsidiary of C H Beazer (see TAILPIECE) rose 7 more to a peak of 92p on the theory that Brian Beazer could soon be devoting even more time to this business.

Increased takeover speculation in **Ocean Transport** led to suggestions that P & O could soon announce a major stake in the company. Ocean shares ended 6 up at 189p, while **P & O Dfd** were unchanged at 546p.

Among stores, **Bentalls** made strong response to Press comment and ended 24 higher at 87p. Bid talk was again heard in **Debenhams**, 5 better at 216p, after 218p, and **Home Charm**, 10 higher at 300p. After last week's sharp reaction, **French Connection** rallied 10 to 275p.

Mail order issues were unsettled by problems in the postal service. **Freemans** ended 8 off at 198p, **Grattan** 6 lower at 170p, and **Empire Stores** 4 easier at 98p, the last-named ahead of today's results.

Oil shares were again notable for takeover speculation in **Tricentrol**, 4 up at 257p, after 259p, and **Ultramar**, 7 better at 257p, after 240p. Small gains were showing in **Britoil**, at 215p, and "**Shell**," at 715p, after 718p.

The situation in currency markets made for dullness in bullion, which ended $8·875 down at $321·125. Gold shares went lower in sympathy, with **F S Geduld** £5/8 off at £22 3/4, and **Vaal Reefs** £3/4 lower at £76 3/4.

Tailpiece

WHISPERS in the trade suggest that **C H Beazer**, the property developers and contractors, is being sized-up for a possible takeover bid from Costain Group. One of our long-time favourites — C H Beazer was the Tailpiece Share of the Year at 60p in 1979 — the company has gone from strength to strength under the guidance of Brian Beazer and the shares now stand at 406p on a yield of 3·7 p.c. and a price/earnings ratio of 10·3.

Mr Beazer's past activities are most impressive in terms of expansion by acquisition and there would be a certain irony if his own company came on the receivin end of a takeover offer.

Although trade whispers hardly represent firm evidence of takeover developments the current market capitalisation of C H Beazer (around £80 million) is not an overvaluation for this progressive group and is well within range of Costain, whose present capitalisation is around £240 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, April 1 1985

	Index	Change	High	Low
Indust Ord	963·8	− 0·5	1024·5	755·2
Govt Secs	80·95	− 0·26	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	507·5	− 7·7	711·7	439·5
Fixed Int	85·49	− 0·04	87·48	80·43
Ord Div p.e.	4·70	− 0·01	5·29	4·22
Earn Yld p.c.	11·71	− 0·01	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100 :	1278·5	+ 1·3	1309·9	986·7

ACCOUNTS: March 25-April 12.
PAY DAY: April 22.
BARGAINS TRANSACTED: 29,777.
RISES: 384. **FALLS** 347.
UNCHANGED: 1,009.
EQUITY TURNOVER (March 29): Number of bargains 22,597; value £335·4 million.
Shares traded: 187·6 million.

BRITISH FUNDS

Short-dated (up to five years)

1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or
98⅜	95⅞	Treas. 3¾ 1985	£98⅜	−
102⅛	99⅜	Treas. 11¾ 1985	£99⅛	−
103⅝	96½	Treas. 8¼ C'v '85	£98·m	−
104	99⅜	Exch. 12½ 1985	£99⅝	−
102⅛	99⅛	Exch. 11¼ 1986	£99⅛	−
104⅜	98¼	Treas. 10½ C'v '85	£98¼	−
98	93⅜	Treas. 3½ 1986	£93·m	−
102	95⅝	Tr. 10¾ C'v '85-88	£98½	+ ⅛
104⅝	98⅜	Treas. 12¾ 1986	£99·m	−
111⅛	102⅜	Exch. 14¾ 1986	£103⅛	−
99¼	94⅜	Exch. 9¾ 1986	£89⅛	−
107⅜	101⅜	Exch. 14¾ 1987	£102½	−
104⅜	94⅛	Treas. 10¼ C'v '87	£97·m	−
89¼	83⅛	Exch. 8¾ 1987	£87½	−
101	94½	Exch. 10¾ 1987	£98·	−
102⅜	97⅛	Treasury 12¾ 1987	£98½	−
87⅜	81⅜	Treas. 3½ 1987	£86½	−
106⅛	97¼	Treas. 12¾ 1987	£100⅝	−
97⅛	92⅛	Exch. 12¼ 88-90	£91⅝	−
102⅝	95¼	Exch. 10¾ 1988	£97	+ ⅛
99⅜	92¼	Treas. 9½ 1988	£94⅜	−
65⅛	57	Treas. 3½ 86-88	£58⅛	−
103⅜	96⅝	Treas. 9¾ 1989	£96⅜	−
108⅜	98⅜	Treas. 11¾ 1989	£99½	−
95⅞	89¼	Treas 9¾ C'v 1989	£93⅝	− ⅛
103⅛	97¼	Treas. 10½ 1989	£96⅛	−
108⅜	99⅝	Exch. 10½ 1989	£96⅜	−
95	77⅜	Exch. 11¾ 1989	£97⅝	−
113⅛	100	Treas. 15¼ 1990	£106⅛	−

Medium-dated (five to fifteen)

97⅜	90⅛	Exch. 11¾ 1990	£97⅜	−
116⅛	108⅜	Exch. 13¾ 1990	£108¼	−
98⅛	84⅜	Treas. 8¾ 87-90	£92	−
98⅛	90⅜	Treas. 10¾ C'v '90	£93⅛	−
108¼	94⅜	Treas. 11¾ 1991	£103⅜	−
94	79⅜	Exch. 9¾ 87-91	£85⅜	−
104⅛	93⅜	Exch. 11¾ 1991	£97⅝	−
123⅜	98⅜	Treas. 12¾ 1992	£107⅜	−
99½	86	Treas. 10¾ 1992	£94½	−
101	94½	Treas. 10¾ C'v '92	£94·a	−
117	94⅜	Exch. 12¾ 1992	£104½	−
117	104⅜	Exch. 13¾ 1992	£108⅞	−
112⅛	98	Treas. 12¾ 1993	£107½	−
94	71	Exch. 8¾ 1993	£85	−
121¼	105	Treas. 11¾ 1993	£116⅜	−
126⅛	107⅜	Treas. 13¾ 1994	£117⅝	−
120⅜	108	Exch. 12¾ 1994	£108⅜	−
116⅛	98⅜	Exch. 10¾ 1994	£103·a	−
118⅛	107⅜	Treas. 12¾ 1995	£111⅜	−
104⅜	94⅜	Treas. 9¾ 1995	£91½	−
110⅝	94⅜	Treas. 12% 1995	£104⅛	−
97⅝	84¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	£87·	−
130	85¼	Exch. 10¾ 1995	£95⅜	−
125⅜	102⅜	Treas. 12¾ 1995	£112·4	−
126⅜	86	Treas. 10¾ 1992	£94½	−
125⅜	117⅜	Treas. 14¾ 1996	£121⅛	−
94⅛	83⅜	Treas. 9% 92-96	£87½	−
124⅜	117⅜	Treasury 12¾ 1996	£124¼	−
123⅜	107⅜	Exch. 12¾ 1996	£114⅛	−
72	62⅜	Redemption 3%	£73	−
123⅛	107⅜	Treas. 12¾ 1997	£116	−
124½	107⅜	Exch. 10¾ 1997	£96¼	−
79	70⅜	Treas. 8% 1997	£80⅜	−
134⅛	117⅜	Exch. 12¾ 1997	£126⅛	−
98	84¼	Exch. 9¾ 1998	£93·	−
98⅛	88	Exch. 9½ '98-'01	£93·m	−
107⅜	93⅜	Treas. 10¾ 1998	£98⅝	−
123⅛	103⅜	Treas. 12½ 1998	£120	−
121⅛	93¼	Exch. 12¾ 1998	£110⅜	−
116⅛	98⅜	Treas. 12¾ 1999	£107⅛	−
104⅜	90¼	Treas. 10¾ 1999	£100⅜	−

Long-dated (over fifteen)

102½	98¼	Conv. 10½ 1999	£96·a	−
103⅝	100¼	Treas. 13% 2000	£116¾	−
120½	110½	Treas. 14¼ 1998-01	£125	−
114½	98¾	Exch. 12¾ 99-02	£109	−
105⅝	92	Cons. 10% 2002	£94⅝	−
118	98⅜	Treas. 12¾ 02-06	£111¼	−
113	103⅛	Treas. 11¾ 01-04	£106⅛	−
91	83½	Exch. 3½ 99-04	£83⅛	−
101⅜	95¾	Exch 10½ 2003	£101¼	−
102⅝	100⅛	Treas. 13¾ 05-08	£116⅝	−
81¾	77⅜	Treas. 8% 03-06	£80⅝	−
111½	98¾	Treas. 12% 13-17	£110½	−
114⅜	104⅜	Treas. 13¾ 04-08	£112⅜	−
98	90¼	Treas. 9½ 08-12	£93⅛	−
87⅜	81⅜	Treas. 7¾ 12-15	£80¼	−
134½	108¾	Exch. 12¾ 13-17	£119	−

Undated

28	23½	Consols 2½	£24¾	−
37½	30¾	War Loan 3½	£28⅜	−
44¾	40½	Conversion 3½	£42¼	−
36¾	32⅜	Treasury 3½	£34·a	−
47¾	34⅜	Consols 4%	£39·a	−
36	33	Treasury 2½	£24¼	−

Index linked

110½	103¾	Treas. 2% 1988	£109¾	−
97¾	90¼	Treas. 2% 1990	£96¼	−
114⅜	98¼	Treas. 2% 1996	£112¼	−
108⅜	98¼	Treas. 2½ 2001	£106¼	−
105½	97⅜	Treas. 2½ 2003	£103½	−
103¾	97¾	Treas. 2½ 2009	£101¾	−
107⅜	97¾	Treas. 2½ 2011	£104¼	−
105⅜	97½	Treas. 2½ 2013	£97¼	−
98⅜	82¼	Treas. 2½ 2016	£94¼	−
98⅜	82¼	Treas. 2½ 2020	£93¼	−

COMMONWEALTH & AFRICAN STOCKS

£124¼	£105	Aust. 15¾ 2010	£118¾	−	
£116½	£98	Aust. 13¾ 1987	£104¾	−	
282¾	87¾	N.Z. 7½ 1989-91	£79¾	−	
88	68	S.Rhd £80-85 As.	136	−	
68	58	S.Rhd £87-92 As.	£68	−	
£93⅜	£86½	Zimbabwe Ann.	£71	−	

CORPORATION STOCKS

£124	£110	Leeds 15¾ 2006	£116½	−
£93½	£80	L.C.C. 5% 83-87	£88	−
£95¼	£81½	L.C.C. 5¾ 85-89	£92	−
£85	£82	L.C.C. 3½ 20 Ar.	£34	−
£126	£111	Swansea 12¾ 2006	£116½	−

FOREIGN STOCKS

78	60	China 5% 1912...	£21·	−	1
68	50	China 5% Bonar	£13½	−	
698	518	Colonnerzbank	580	−	
558	395	Greek 4% 1910...	156	−	
650	395	Greek 7% Ref...	183	−	
698	546	Greek Stab A...	259	−	
6250	5250	Bonds Matur...	£45	+ ½	
6250	5250	Japan 4% 1910...	£215	−	
158½	98	Volkswagen...	£51½	−	

DOLLAR STOCKS

68	48	Alcan Aluminium	£20⅝	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Amax	£15	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Amer. Express	£15⅞	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Bell Canada	£15½	+ ⅛	
68	48	Dow Valley	£20⅜	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Bowater Inc	£17⅝	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Can.PacificOrd.	£14⅜	−	
£18¼	£13¼	Chrysler	£20½	+ ¼	
£18¼	£13¼	Du Pont	£20⅜	+ ¼	
£18¼	£13¼	Exxon	£16½	+ ¼	
£18¼	£13¼	General Foods..	£18	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Gillette	£18½	+ ¼	
£18¼	£13¼	Gulf Canada	£17⅛	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Hudson Bay	£17⅜	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	I.B.M.	£103½	+ 2	
£18¼	£13¼	Inco	£10⅜	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Massey Ferguson	176	+ 10	
£18¼	£13¼	Pan Canadian	£18½	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Royal of Canada	£16¼	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Shell Oil	£48⅜	+ 1	
£18¼	£13¼	Sperry Corp.	£43½	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Texaco Corpn.	£34⅛	−	
£18¼	£13¼	U.S. Steel	£32⅝	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Woolworth	£24	+ ⅛	
£18¼	£13¼	Xerox	£55½	+ 1	

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

197	167	A.N.Z. Group	257	−	
196	148	Allied Irish	100	+ 2	
103	69	Ansbacher, Hy	85	−	
315	215	Bk. of Ireland	232	+ 2	
265	215	Bk Lennit Ck 1	249	−	
220	180	Bk of Scotland	193	−	
360	280	Barclays	353	+ 5	
309	230	Brown Shipley	297	−	
405	305	Cater Allen	538	−	
42½	21½	Cattle's Hldgs	31½	−	
107	87	Clive Discount	96	− 1	
197	107	Exor Bk Wagon	116	−	
82	68	First Nat. Fin.	97½	−	
250	220	Gerrard Nat.	235	−	
48	32	Gordle Hldgs	42	− 2	
192	142	Grindlays Bank	147	−	
295	195	Hambros	267	−	
420	305	Hill Samuel	305	−	
345	245	Hoare, Govett	288	−	
260	205	Joseph, Leo	220	−	
134	94	Kleinwort B.	124	+ 2	
490	390	Kleinwort B.	490*	−	
416	316	Lloyds	527	+ 6	
32	22	Lon. Scot. Fin.	24	−	
52	32	Mansel Fran.	26	−	
545	395	Martin, R. P.	445	+ 5	
570	430	Mercury Secs.	410	−	
337	237	Midland	295	+ 3	
195	145	N. Australia	197	−	
645	495	Nat. Westmr	624	+ 9	
197½	137½	Ottoman Bank	162	+ 1	
98	68	Provident Fin	91	+ 1	
73	53	Rea Bros.	73	−	
110	80	Rothsch. J. Hldg	102	+ 1	
288	228	Ryl Bank Scot	270	+ 2	
565	395	Schroder	555*	−	
98	68	Secombe Wsh	95	− 5	
67	47	Smith St. Aub.	70	+ 1	
465	345	Standrd Chart	385	+ 6	
880	620	Union Discnt	760	− 10	
215	165	Wagon Finan.	197	−	
195	135	Westpac	197	−	
195	135	Wintrust	258	−	

BUILDINGS & ROADS

255	185	AMEC	248	−	
202	156	Abbey Ldd.	192	−	
202	156	Aberdeen Const	184	−	
57	15	Alfred McAlpine	31½	+ 4	
165	85	Arnellas Hldgs	34	−	
120	80	Ashtead	108	−	
122	80	Bamner Dobbie	98	− 2	
68	38	Barratt Devel	74	+ 2	
114	82	Bestwd. Ltd.	110	− 1	
96	72	Bett Bros	86	−	
65	45	Bickerton	65	−	
375	275	Blue Circle	340	− 5	
317	237	Bovis Hldgs	317	−	
295	215	Brit. Dredging	265	−	
20	14	Brown & Jack	16	−	
110	80	Bryant Hldgs	80	− 10	
70	55	Bunzl Pulp	65	−	
45	34½	Burnett & Hall	34	− 3	
45	34	Carr, John	34	− 3	
165	125	Cement Roadst	98	− 2	
45	34	Cender Ltd	38	−	
45	34	Crepelo	38	−	
238	178	Costain Group	248	−	
178	138	Countryside	218	−	
98	65	Crouch, D.	98	−	
95	65	Daw George	74	+ 2	
65	45	Docklas, R.M.	51	−	
11½	9	Dunton Grp.	10½	− 1	
87	67	Edith & Co.	81	−	
95	73	Fem. Earth	88	−	
33½	23	Finlan, John	27	−	

BREWERIES

137	98	Allied Lyons	172	−
309	238	Bass	538	−
139	98	Bell Arthur	138	−
2	2	Boddingtons	75*	+ 1
139	98	Brown(P.)New	135	−
98	68	Buckleys	82	+ 1
98	68	Bulmer, W. P.	132	−
565	395	Clark, Matthw	515*	−
365	265	Darlington's	335	−
280	200	Devenish J.A.	265	−
365	265	Distillers	462	− 2
295	225	Forshaw&Hart	440	−
117	97	Greenall Whit.	108	−
148	98	Greene King	138	+ 2
116	98	Hallgrove	247	−
398	298	Hardy & Hans	385	−
98	68	Highland Dist.	73	−
116	98	Invereskgo.	125*	−
98	68	Marston Thom	68	−
306	246	Morrells Wue	275	−
145	95	Ruddle	147	−
98	68	Scottish & Ne.	75	−
295	225	S. A. Brew.	272	− 5
201	201	Vaux Brews	295	−
195	155	Whitbread 'A'	188	−
195	155	Whitbread Inv	188	− 2
295	205	Young 'A'	210	−

BUILDINGS & ROADS

255	185	AMEC	248	−	
202	156	Abbey Ldd.	192	−	
202	156	Aberdeen Const	184	−	
57	15	Alfred McAlpine	31½	+ 4	
165	85	Arnellas Hldgs	34	−	
120	80	Ashtead	108	−	
122	80	Bamner Dobbie	98	− 2	
68	38	Barratt Devel	74	+ 2	
114	82	Bestwd. Ltd.	110	− 1	
96	72	Bett Bros	86	−	
65	45	Bickerton	65	−	
375	275	Blue Circle	340	− 5	
317	237	Bovis Hldgs	317	−	
295	215	Brit. Dredging	265	−	
20	14	Brown & Jack	16	−	
110	80	Bryant Hldgs	80	− 10	
70	55	Bunzl Pulp	65	−	
45	34½	Burnett & Hall	34	− 3	
45	34	Carr, John	34	− 3	
165	125	Cement Roadst	98	− 2	
45	34	Cender Ltd	38	−	
45	34	Crepelo	38	−	
238	178	Costain Group	248	−	
178	138	Countryside	218	−	
98	65	Crouch, D.	98	−	
95	65	Daw George	74	+ 2	
65	45	Docklas, R.M.	51	−	
11½	9	Dunton Grp.	10½	− 1	
87	67	Edith & Co.	81	−	
95	73	Fem. Earth	88	−	
33½	23	Finlan, John	27	−	

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

256	146	AlliedColloids	217	+ 1
376	282	Amersham	356	−
370	85	Anchor Chem.	348	−
94	43	Arrow Chem.	69	−
188	94	Bernt	118	−
22	10½	Bl. Invalcine	13	+ 1
121	77	Cambrian & G.	103	+ 1
245	152	Coalite	224	+ 1
198	95	Coates Bros.	177	+ 2
47	21	Cory Horace	37	−
160	92	Crode	136	−
280	166	Ellis & Everard	248	−
197	97	Halstead, J.	96	−
338	238	Hickson Int.	286	−
998	553	I.C.I.	759	−
427	256	Laporte Inds.	408	+ 6
112	60	Leigh Interests	97	−
192	130	Moroean	187	−
56½	37	Morley, E.H.	42	−
118	58½	Nicas, Robert	98	−
1,150	900	NorskHydro	911	−
239	197	Piran	215	+ 1
118	72	Rentokil	172	+ 1
170	120	Stewart Plast.	98	−
111	88	Wardle Storr.	218	− 3
351	117	Wolverhampton Ex	331*	+ 16
94	38	Yorkshire Chem	73*	− 2

CINEMAS & TV

172	138	Anglia 'A'	152	−
68	38	Capital TV Exp	54	− 1
280	180	Central TV	192	−
153	98	D.T.V.	125*	− 2
381	182	L.W.T.	235	− 2
158	98	Radio City	97	−
28	18	TVS	22	−
187	73	TV-am	122	−
101	55	Ulster TV	85	−

DRAPERY & STORES

59	31½	Amber Day	11½	−	
144	98	Aquascutum A	68½	−	
98	68	Beattie, J.	144	+ 6	
98	68	Bentalls	87	+ 1	
82	60	Brannons	65	−	
278	198	Brit. Home Sts	268	−	
278	158	Brown, N.	276	−	
478	318	Burton Group	456	+ 1	
98	68	Cantor 'A'	77	−	
65	37	Casket, S.	43	−	
57	37	Cassie (GB)	38	−	
157	98	Combi Eng. Str.	114	− 5	
160	120	Connell Eldn	145	−	
148	98	Courts 'A'	110	+ 5	
141	98	Debenhams	216	+ 5	
48	30	De Brett (A)	37	−	
115	91	Dewhirst 'A'	98	−	
648	217	Dixons Group	550	−	
353	98	Dunhill Hldgs	310	− 1	
98	34½	Ellis & Goldin	82	+ 2	
98	34	Empire Stores	68	−	
154	105	Etam	154	+ 2	
47	37	Fine Art Dev.	84	−	
41	25	Ford Martin	41	+ 1	
172	148	Formsprinter	148	−	
208	168	Foster Bros	208	−	
206	94	Freemans	198	− 8	
398	145	French Con.	273	+ 10	
198	128	Gaddesd	126	− 3	
198	128	Gees, Cecil	140	−	
98	76	Geiffer, A. J.	87	−	
147	98	Gens, S. R.	114*	− 6	
98	68	Goldberg 'A'	68	−	
98	68	Goodman Bros	121½	− 6	
1,150	1,000	Habitat	1,070	−	
98	68	Hepworth, J.	179	− 6	
98	68	Hollas	93	−	
98	68	Home Charm	300	+ 10	
98	68	Hse. of Fraser	295*	−	
98	68	Jones, Ernest	86	−	
98	68	z Kent John	60	− 1	
98	68	Lee Cooper	120	−	
98	68	Lilleycroft Knit	172	−	
98	68	MFI	226	− 1	
98	68	Marks & Spen	142	−	
98	68	Mayoss	237	−	
98	68	Mileta Labs.	126	−	
98	68	Moss Bros	268	−	
98	68	NSS News	110	−	
98	68	Oliver G. 'A'	300*	−	
98	68	Our Price	97	+ 4	
98	68	Owen Owen	150	−	
98	68	Peters Stores	98	−	
98	68	Preedy Alfred	108	−	
98	68	Rawlers Jewel	69	− 5	
98	68	Reeds	77	−	
98	68	Reed Austin A	108	−	
98	68	S. & G. Stores	120	−	
98	68	Samuel, H. 'A'	80	−	
98	68	Sears Hldgs	86	−	
98	68	Selincourt	95*	−	
98	68	z share Dreg	323	+ 3	
98	68	Smith W.H.'A'	206	+ 2	
98	68	Stanley R. G.	80	+ 2	
98	68	Stead & Sim 'A'	170	−	
98	68	Stefanel Grp.	72	−	
98	68	Stirling Group	78	+ 2	
98	68	Symonds Clothes	60	−	
98	68	Supercuts	400	−	
98	68	Tera Consalaia	82	−	
98	68	Time Products	94½	− 2½	
98	68	Vantona Viyella	326	−	
98	68	Wallis, Tibbd.	98	−	
98	68	Ward White	131	−	
98	68	Waring & Gill	148*	−	
98	68	Woolworth	777	+ 2	

ELECTRICAL & RADIO

555	375	A. B. Electron	440	−	
198	68	A.G. Sec.	89	−	
98	68	Acorn Comp	260	−	
98	68	Alarm Co.	290	−	
675	280	Alpha Electric	98	− 1	
98	68	Alphameric	68	−	
98	68	Amstrad	164	−	
98	68	Arlen Electric	37	+ 2	
98	68	Atlantic Computs	396	−	
98	68	Audiotronics	37	−	
98	68	Automate Sec	185	−	
98	68	B.K.D.	248	− 2	
98	68	Bowthorpe	428	−	
98	68	z Brer Hle Euro	18	− 1	
98	68	z Brit Sat Group	360	+ 10	
98	68	Brit. Telecom	141	−	
98	68	Bren Britt	88	−	
98	68	Bulgin A. 'A'	24	−	
98	68	z C.P.C. Comput	120	−	
98	68	z C.P.C. Comput	50	−	
98	68	Cable & Wire	502	−	
98	68	Cambridge Elec	512*	−	
98	68	C.A.S.E.	277	+ 5	
98	68	Chloride Grp.	236	−	
98	68	Clifford	18	−	
98	68	z Crescent	97	−	
98	68	Concap	247	−	
98	68	z Consolt	128	−	
98	68	z Cont. Micro.	450	−	
98	68	Cray Elect	255	+ 5	
98	68	Crystalate	170	−	
98	68	Dale Electric	69	−	
98	68	Datasery	141	−	
98	68	Dewhurst Grd	27	−	
98	68	Dewhurst 'A'	27	−	
98	68	Domino & M

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Lords block Insolvency Bill by one vote

By BARBARA CONWAY

THE Government last night suffered its second defeat in the House of Lords over the controversial "disqualification" clause for directors of collapsed companies in its Insolvency Bill.

A revolt of onservative backbenchers, together with independent and Opposition members, forced through amendments further restricting the scope of duqsi ctinpolifiaa them scope of disqualification powers, on a majority of just one vote.

The amendment, introduced by Lord Mottistone and by the independent Lord Benson, provided an effective definition of the Bill, to rule on whether a director should be disqualified from holding office.

The Government had planned to avoid laying down any rigid definition in the statute, planning instead to introduce guidelines, but Lord Mottistone told the Lords that it was essential that directors be aware of what poential unfitness might entali.

The amendments provide that, in order to be judged unfit, a director should have been aware that a company wa sin danger of slipping into insolvency during the two years before the collapse, that he should have failed to ensure the regular production, at intervals "appropriate to the business" of management accounts and financial statements and that he failed to take steps to minimise the loss to creditors.

Junior trade minister Lord Lucas, who has been handling the passage of the Bill through the Lords, opposed the amendments, commenting: "If this goes through it means that however irresponsible a director's conduct has been—even if it caused enormous losses to the creditors—the court would be unable to disqualify him, provided he had taken steps to minimise potential losses to creditors and placed accounts before management."

Government officals will now be attempting to find a way around this latest setback, although it may well mean that the DTI is forced into replacing the new definition with one of its own. Problems are also likely to arise since there is no legal meaning to the phrase "management accounts."

The Confederation of British Industry welcomed the amendments last night, but said it was still seeking changes to the Bill, including the definition of "wrongful trading" and the position of the Government as a preferential creditor in a liquidation.

The Institute of Directors, which had campaigned against the original provisions which would have meant automatic disqualification for directors of collapsed companies, had welcomed last month's government amendment, which obliges liquidators to report cases of possible unfitness to the Trade and Industry Secretary for possible court action, but also expressed concern over the issue of wrongful trading.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants, whose members will have the bulk of the responsibility for referring cases of possible unfitness, said that it would prefer an automatic duty for al liquidators to report to the Secretary of State on the conduct of directors as a matter of course.

ANYONE seeking greater clarification on the likely future course of United Kingdom interest rates would have been disappointed yesterday. Barclays and Midland steadfastly refused to join the other two clearing banks on base rates of 13 p.c., despite a clear hint from the Chancellor of the Exchequer that the strength of sterling made lower interest rates appropriate.

Perhaps they prefer instead to heed the Governor of the Bank of England. Giving evidence on the Budget strategy to the all-party Treasury Select Committee of MPs, Robin Leigh Pemberton was a good deal more cautious on the desirability of speedy interest rate cuts.

The underlying domestic situation was much the same as before the Budget and the recovery of sterling, he argued. Since it was partly lack of confidence in the government's anti-inflationary resolve, with suspicions that money policy was excessively lax, the circumstances still called for care.

Sterling M3, the broad money aggregate, was still at the top of its target range. Bank lending had increased at an annual rate of 20 p.c. over the past six months, necessitating substantial overfunding according to Charles Goodhart, the Bank's chief economist, that inflationary pressures revived in the early months of this year.

Mr Leigh Pemberton did not rule out further cuts in interest rates, even with the money supply at the top of the permitted band, if a stronger pound in effect tightened monetary discipline.

But he said, with the events of January no doubt uppermost in his mind, that no one would benefit if the authorities appeared to snatch at any opportunity to cut interest rates, with a consequent risk to the exchange rate and market confidence in government policy.

In the London wholesale money markets the key three-month interbank rate finished the day slightly up from Friday at 13⅝ p.c. as the pound, after a strong start weakened against a firmer though still vulnerable dollar in the foreign exchange markets.

It closed in London at $1·2215 for a loss on the day of 1·40 cents, with little change against European currencies. The sterling index ended at its pre-weekend level of 77·2.

While Barclays and Midland are still expected to come into line on 15 p.c. base rates, yesterday's events hardly provided unequivocal encouragement.

CITY COMMENT

Note of caution on base rates from Governor

Technology and enterprise have seen to it that anything a company wants delivered quickly and reliably can be done without the help of the Royal Mail.

The host of noisy motor cyclists dashing through city streets is an obvious manifestation of the alternatives on offer. But these courier services are busy, too, through the night, delivering mail around the country by van and lorry and by British Rail.

The major catalogue companies, once dependent on the Post Office, have reorganised their operations over the years since the 1971 strike collapsed so that, as a spokesman for Littlewoods, says, "business will continue very much as normal."

Agents now use the telephone to place their orders through switchboards staffed long after normal office hours. Orders are delivered by road, direct from manufacturers in the case of large items, or by in-house delivery.

Littlewoods Pools has also largely insulated itself from any upsets at the Post Office. Some 90 p.c. of pools entries are collected by agents who hand them in at central points for onward delivery by road.

The banks have their own giro system, completely divorced from the Post Office. They use the various private security companies to ship cheques into London where they are cleared through a common clearing house and ferried out the next night to the payees' branch. The London Document Exchange, which came into being as a direct result of the 1971 strike, now handles 100,000 packages a night for law firms, building societies, insurance companies, the Stock Exchange, a wide range of companies — and the nationalised industries.

It started in 1975 with one exchange in Chancery Lane which acted as a delivery and collecting point for legal mail. But with the relaxation of the law in the 1981 Post Office Act it became permissible for exchanges to interlink. London Document Exchange now has some 80 offices in London and a total of 480 throughout England and Wales.

Managing director Henry Seymour would be only too happy for another strike to happen. "We claim a 99 p.c. reliability for overnight delivery and we cost barely more than half the Post Office charges." How do they manage it? "We pay our sorters a lot more than the Post Office and they get on with the job."

Computers, too, are playing a rapidly increasing part in providing business with an effective alternative to the traditional mail service. And, though no longer high-technology, the telex and telephone can easily replace the letter.

The 1981 Act also made it permissible for mail costing more than £1 to be delivered by private companies. Knock that down to 50p, as the Institute of Directors was suggesting yesterday, and the Post Office would have plenty of competition.

Posting notice to the posties

THE alternative postal services are alive and well and have been expanding steadily since the last Post Office strike in 1971. As a result, the majority of businesses regard the possibility of the postmen downing sacks once again as a nuisance, but one they can live with.

Whitbread steps into Brown fight

SCOTTISH & Newcastle has increased its stake in its £100m bid target Matthew Brown to 12·8 p.c. But yesterday Whitbread which opposes the offer also pushed its holding in the North West brewery group to just above 9 p.c. to support the Brown board in its fight for independence.

Brown's shares at 443p match the cash and share swap terms.

Postel shops

CONTINUING its policy of increasing the proportion of retail property in its portfolio PosTel Investment Management, the pension fund investor for the Post Office and British Telecom pension funds has paid £16m for the long leasehold interest in the Broad Marsh Shopping Centre, Nottingham.

Agents Edward Erdman, which acted for PosTel, say that the initial yield is around 10 p.c. The leasehold interest was sold by Prudential Assurance.

Commercial Property—P27

Spirax at £14m

SPIRAX-SARCO Engineering has increased its full year profits to December 31 from £11m to £14·2m on turnover up from £59·2m to £82m. The growth has come from North America where the group saw the first full contributions from recent acquisitions, as well as from the fast expanding interests in Europe, Africa, Asia and Australasia. The United Kingdom contribution slipped from £4·7m to £4·2m.

The final dividend is being raised from 4p to 4·8p for a total of 6·8p against 5·7p and the company has declared a scrip issue of one new Ordinary share for every two held.

Questor—P23

Oceonics sale

HIGH technology group Oceonics is putting itself up for sale. In order to realise its full potential, suggested by a new 10-year growth plan, Oceonics will require a large capital investment and the group is hoping this will emerge from a takeover by a much larger group.

United States investment bankers Goldman Sachs and United Kingdom merchant bankers S. G. Warburg are acting on the group's behalf to pursue this possibility.

Questor—P23

Slough Estates up

SLOUGH ESTATES, reports pre-tax profits of £33·6m for the year ended December compared with £20·2m, and a net asset value of 193p a share (179p). The final dividend rises from 2·475p to 3p a share, making 4·8p (4p), payable May 28.

Questor—P23

Prust in talks

BILL Stuttaford, senior partner of stockbrokers Laurence Prust, confirmed yesterday that the firm is involved in talks on a possible outside ownership with several banks, including Bankers Trust. The discussions include Framlington Group, the unit trust company with which Prust already has links.

Shares peak

SHARE PRICES in Tokyo and Paris advanced to new peaks again yesterday, but Australian shares drifted fractionally lower. The Nikkei Dow Jones index in Japan rose 86·95 to close at 12,677·15 and the CAC index in Paris rose 0·4 to 211·40, but the Sydney all-share index drifted to closed 0·6 lower at 829·1.

Merger stalls

C. D. BRAMALL and Manor National Motor have called off their agreed £2·3m merger following lack of approval from the Ford Motor Company which was conditional on certain requirements of the enlarged group being met.

Part of the deal was that existing authorisations from Manor's suppliers would remain in full force and effect.

The approval of the Austin Rover Group was obtained.

In front of the announcement, dealings in Manor were halted at 12½p, valuing the group at some £3·17m. Talks between the two boards are, however, continuing to take place and a further announcement will be made today.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Gen)	202·80	+ 0·10
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	1,052·10	+ 3·59
FRANKFURT (Comm'rsb'k)	1,183·20	+ 2·30
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,389·13	+ 1·09
PARIS (CAC Gen)	211·40	+ 0·40
SYDNEY (All Ords)	829·10	− 0·60
TOKYO (Nikkei Dwl	12,677·15	+86·95
ZURICH (Crdt Suisse)	337·50	− 0·40

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	628·13	(−0·61)
"500"	673·46	(−0·28)
All-share	616·59	(+0·38)

Queens Moat £25m call to cut borrowing

By RA TICKEL

THE recent sharp rises in interest rates have spurred Queens Moat Houses, the fast growing hotels group headed by John Bairstow, into making a £25 million cash call on shareholders to help reduce borrowings.

This latest fund-raising operation, the third in as many years and the biggest yet, follows the £14 million raised in 1982 to help finance the £50 million acquisition of 26 hotels from Grand Metropolitan, and £10 million a year later, also to reduce borrowings.

Queens Moat has chosen an issue of 7 p.c. convertible preference shares, offered on a one-for-seven basis at £1 each and convertible from 1988 onwards at 66p, against 57p unchanged yesterday. It has backed the call with record full-year pretax profits, well up to expectations at £6·58 million against £4·48 million. A 0·665p final dividend lifts the total 20 p.c. to 1·35p.

Since its last call for funds, Queens Moat has spent £27 million on acquisitions—£9 million during the last year—adding ten hotels, or more than 1,000 extra bedrooms, to its mainly provincial hotel chain.

It has also spent over £6 million on improvements and plans to spend a further £7 million, including £3·5 million on a new hotel already under construction, in the current year.

Some £50 million of the group's year-end borrowings, upt at £51 million, are exposed to fluctuating market rates, and the need to reduce the exposure is reflected in interest charges last year up from £2·89 million to £4·52 million. Gearing is little changed at around 70p.c. but will fall to around 27p.c. following receipt of the rights issue proceeds.

Mr Bairstow said he had opted for the preference share issue to eliminate the immediate potential of earnings dilution which would have followed a conventional issue of further Ordinary equity. In addition to strengthening the balance sheet, the new funds would provide a platform for further growth.

The group did not want the money for any single large purchase. Negotiations for further acquisitions of individual hotels were "in progress." Good acquisitions were harder to find and the prices being asked for London hotels effectively ruled out any purchases in the capital, he said.

Meanwhile, the benefits of recent acquisitions and improvements will show through in the current year and trading in the first three months had been "very good."

Credit sales slip slightly

By DAVID GREEN

CREDIT sales in February slipped from the record level reached in January but still represented the second-highest month on record. According to the Trade and Industry Department £1,015 million of credit, such as hire purchase, was advanced in February, compared with £1,166 million the previous month.

Total advances in the three months from December to February were 1z p.c. higher than in the previous three months. The amount outstanding to finance houses and retailers at the end of February was £17·3 billion, 5 p.c. more than the total three months earlier.

Fnal figures from the department places the volume index of retail sales for February at 114 (1980=100), marginally higher than its provisional estimate.

Sales in the period from December to February were 0·5 p.c. higher than in the previous three months and 5 p.c. higher than in the corresponding period a year earlier.

Stronger 'role' for bank auditors

By ANNE SEGALL

DRAMATIC changes in the relationship between the Bank of England and bank auditors which could involve passing on details of a client's affairs were recommended yesterday by the Institute of Chartered Accountants following last year's disastrous collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers, the banking arm of the Johnson Matthey precious metals group.

The Bank of England was forced to rescue JMB after a special accountant's report had revealed hundreds of millions of pounds worth of potential losses on the bank's loan book. Just two months earlier, the bank's auditors, Arthur Young McClelland Moores, had given it a clean bill of health.

Yesterday's recommendations by the institute were made to a special committee set up last December in the wake of the Johnson Matthey affair to review the present banking supervisory system.

The aim of the committee is to make sure that the Bank of England is able, in future, to forestall major bank collapses by getting better access to information on a bank's affairs.

The committee, which is chaired by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, is expected to report in the late spring.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants says the Bank of England should establish "a formal relationship" with bank auditors and argues that "we should have no objection to legislative or equivalent requirements under which the auditor would be required to discuss his client's affairs."

Other key recommendations made by the institute are that the Bank should be able to obtain special reports from bank auditors and should be given powers to require that a bank changes its auditor "if incompetence has been shown to exist."

It would also be feasible for the Bank to require that some of the routine statistical returns submitted by banks should be audited, the institute says.

Banking sources believe that yesterday's radical proposals from the Institute of Chartered Accountants will go a long way towards meeting the Bank of England's own proposals for improving the present system of banking supervision.

The Bank will be anxious to prevent a repeat of the controversial JMB rescue, which has involved the Bank and other major financial institutions in providing £150 million of indemnities against loan losses at JMB over and above the value of its capital.

Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman of Barclays, said in his annual report to shareholders yesterday that although he believes JMB had to be rescued, the burden should have been borne by the shareholders of Johnson Matthey, the parent company, rather than by the Bank of England and other financial institutions.

The Bank has provided £75 million towards the indemnities, the clearing banks 35 million, the accepting houses £10 million and members of the gold market another 30 million.

Many banks participating in the indemnity scheme have already set aside half the amount as potential bad debts. But Sir Timothy told his shareholders that if Johnson Matthey Bankers is eventually sold off, as planned, by the Bank of England, all those participating in the indemnity scheme will share in the profit.

Penguin buys Thomson book publishers

THE publishing world yesterday saw another major shake-up, with Penguin Books, part of the Pearson empire, buying Michael Joseph, Hamish Hamilton and Sphere Books, all from the International Thomson Organisation.

The purchase price is being kept secret, but the businesses, which are profitable, had an asset value of £11·5 million at the end of 1984.

Included in the deal is Thomson Book's packaging and book distribution businesses.

Specifically excluded is Jane's Publishing, the reference book specialists. Thomson is keen to keep its reference and business-publishing interests, but not its

Only last month the family general trade publishing controlling Routledge & Kegan Paul agreed to sell out to Associated Book Publishers for £4·4 million while London Weekend Television merged its Hutchinson subsidiary with Century Publishing for 7 million.

Extra £40,500 for Vickers chief

DAVID PLASTOW, managing director and chief executive of Vickers, the engineering and Rolls-Royce car company, benefited as a result of the group's recovery from profits of £19·5 million to £30·8 million last year, with performance-related bonus schemes making him the highest paid director with a £40,500 increase to £121,000.

Two other former directors—George Fecn, who retired in June after 28 years' service with Rolls-Royce and Vickers, and Noel Davies, who resigned in July — were the main beneficiaries of the £205,000 shown in the accounts as having been paid to former directors for loss of office.

Drink sales with papers 'possible'

THE possibility of Arthur Guinness seeking to sell alcoholic drink via its retail outlets, including Martin the Newsagent, is raised in THE DRINK FORECAST, published by Industry Forecasts on annual subscription of £460.

The survey shows that vodka sales continue to decline and that recession has hit world demand for scotch whisky by 15 p.c. since 1978.

Dee scrapes extra 5·3 pc of Booker

DEE Corporation has received acceptances covering just 5·3 p.c. of Booker McConnell's shares in response to its bitterly-contested £333 million takeover bid.

Chairman Alec Monk and advisers Morgan Grenfell extended the bid to a new final closing date—April 19.

Jonathan Taylor for Booker McConnell said Dee must be "very disappointed" with the response. "We will write to shareholders again before the offer closes with further information on the outlook for 1985."

Including a direct 15·9 p.c. stake, Dee can speak for 21·2 p.c. of the shares. Booker McConnell's share price at 250p is well below the share swap terms worth 264p a share last night.

Lower inflation trend heartens Wall Street

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

WALL STREET share prices and the dollar ended slightly higher yesterday because of fresh signs that the United States economy is set on an easier inflationary path.

The leading signal was a survey of purchasing managers which showed that the economy slowed a bit in March after gains in January and February.

Another government report showed that United States factory orders edged downward just two tenths of a percentage point in February to a seasonally-adjusted flow of $193·54 billion after January's volume was revised upwards.

"Although the economy performed well in the first quarter of this year, we must be concerned with the March decline in purchasing orders," said a spokesman for the business group which took the survey.

"We do not see much that would suggest that the economy will move upward by much in the near term."

Wall Street responded with a moderately active trading day that pushed the Dow Jones Industrial Average up more than four points to the 1,271 region just before the closing bell. On the broader New York Stock Exchange advancing issues led losers by nearly seven to six.

Ocean boosted by P&O hopes

THE share price of Ocean Transport & Trading rose 6p to reach 189p yesterday as stock market gossip predicted that P & O will tomorrow announce a deal giving it up to 15 p.c. of the equity.

"No comment," said P & O, whose price was unchanged at 346p. The logic is that P & O owns 47 p.c. of Overseas Containers and Ocean has just under 33 p.c., the rest being with British & Commonwealth Shipping.

Overseas Containers is currently the biggest single profits maker for both Ocean and P & O, though the Cory fuel distribution business runs it close at Ocean while Bovis is equally significant for P & O.

There is speculation that P & O will launch a full bid for Ocean. The Ocean price has risen from 171p since last Thursday.

HUTCHISON WHAMPOA LIMITED
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Hutchison Whampoa Limited

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hutchison Whampoa is one of Hong Kong's oldest and largest trading companies with major profit centres in property, China trade, shipping-related businesses, engineering, consumer products, retailing, quarrying and energy supply and technology.

The signing of the Sino-British Agreement has given Hong Kong a clearer sense of direction and the business community is regaining its confidence.

The strength and resources of the Hutchison group continued to develop steadily throughout this difficult period. 1984 ended with the group stronger and better structured than it has ever been, with net shareholders' funds at HK$5,078 million, negligible borrowings and good cash reserves — an attractive position in an economy poised for recovery.

The group's consolidated net profit after tax for the year ended December 31, 1984, was HK$1,033 million, compared with HK$1,167 million in 1983, a reduction of 12 per cent. Earnings per share were HK$1.81, compared with HK$2.54 in 1983. Extraordinary income of HK$269 million arose mainly from the sale of shares in HK-TVB Ltd.

The directors recommend a final dividend of 56 cents per share. This, together with the interim dividend of 28 cents paid on October 15, 1984, gives a total dividend of 84 cents per share for the year — a 48 per cent increase in the total dividend paid in respect of 1983, having taken into account the 76.13 million new shares issued during 1984 as a result of warrant conversions and elections for scrip dividend.

In general, 1984 was a satisfactory year for Hutchison, with most parts of the group performing well.

While the depressed conditions in the property market continued until the latter part of 1984, there are now signs of an improvement in demand in the residential sector. The first phase of the group's major residential and commercial development in Hunghom, Kowloon, will be on the market early this month.

Today almost 45 per cent of Hong Kong's container throughput utilises our container terminal operation, Hongkong International Terminals. However, continued improvement and expansion of facilities will be vital if Hong Kong is to maintain its competitiveness and we are actively considering ways in which we can further upgrade our own operations.

The profits from our trading and retail operations have shown a solid increase over 1983 in a fiercely competitive market. This has been largely due to good knowledge of the Hong Kong market and a sales and distribution capability second to none in Hong Kong today. New developments include our 51 per cent owned mobile radio telephone joint venture, which will come on stream during the second quarter of 1985 and should provide sound recurrent earnings in the future.

The acquisition for HK$2,930 million in February 1985 of the 34 per cent shareholding in Hongkong Electric Holdings, the earlier decision to invest HK$4,000 million on the Hunghom development, combined with the growth of existing businesses, underline that the Hutchison group is firmly committed to playing an active role in building a stable and prosperous Hong Kong.

Our trading and container terminal businesses in particular have good potential for development.

China offers increasingly interesting opportunities now that it is committed to a role of growing importance in international trade. Hong Kong and Hutchison China Trade have a major part to play in this.

Li Ka-shing
Chairman
April 1, 1985

1984 GROUP RESULTS

Hutchison Whampoa Limited
1984 Group Results

	1984 HK$M	1983 HK$M
Profit:		
Trading profit	1,208	1,118
Exchange gain	54	233
Share of profits less losses of associates	49	48
	1,311	1,399
Taxation	198	151
	1,113	1,248
Minority interests	90	81
	1,023	1,167
Extraordinary items	269	123
	1,292	1,290
Earnings per share	HK$1.81	HK$2.54
Ordinary dividends per share		
— Interim	28 cents	21 cents
— Final	56 cents	42 cents
	84 cents	63 cents

Slough Estates 40th successive year of profits growth

Year to 31 December	1984	1983	Increase
Profit before tax	£34·69 million*	£20·19 million	+72%*
Profit after tax	£24·51 million*	£14·24 million	+72%*
Earnings per share	10·23p	7·64p	+34%
Dividends per share	4·80p	4·00p	+20%
Assets per share	208p	189p	+10%

*includes 12 months revenue from the Allnatt group acquired in January 1984.

In reporting on a year of continued growth, Chairman Nigel Mobbs highlighted:

- The acquisition and successful integration of the Allnatt group portfolio.
- The expansion of the Group's activities on the redevelopment of existing land and the acquisition and development of new land holdings in the UK and overseas.
- The net worth of the Group now exceeds £½ billion.
- The reduction of total vacancies across the Group from a rate of 9·7 per cent in 1983 to 8·2 per cent in 1984.
- The construction of 280,000 sq. ft. of "high tech" space in the USA and the purchase of the Company's first development site in S.E. Florida.
- The issue of £40-million mortgage debenture stock at an effective interest rate of 11.6 per cent to insulate the Group in large part from short-term interest rate variation.

In recommending a final net dividend of 3p per share Nigel Mobbs said, "this was an increase of 20 per cent for the year and an increase of 116 per cent over the past 4 years during which time the cost of living had increased by 29 per cent.

In the absence of any unforeseen circumstances the Company can look forward to 1985 with confidence for another year of growth in profits."

To obtain a copy of the 1984 Preliminary Announcement and the 1984 Annual Report, to be published in April, please write to the Secretary, Slough Estates House, 234 Bath Road, Slough SL1 4EE.

SLOUGH ESTATES

Britain's leading industrial property owners and developers

COMPANIES

Rotaflex 67pc up at £2·7m

ROTAFLEX, the lighting specialist, is lifting its dividend total 40 p.c. from 3·2p to 4·5p with a 3·3p final on July 5, following a record 1984. Sales rose more than a third to £41·4 million, and with another good year from Concord Lighting and improved performances overseas, pre-tax profits advanced 67 p.c. from £1·65m to £2·76m, despite a £489,000 rise in associate losses to £626,000.

Chairman Michael Frye says the company has never been better placed to face the future. The current year is likely to be one of consolidation, however, with the scale of improvement likely to be determined by how quickly associates recover and the extent of which production at two of the larger companies within the group is affected by moves to new premises.

Alida

ALIDA Holdings, maker of plastic carrier bags and polythene bags for supermarkets, has topped both the 1984 profit and dividend forecasts made when it joined the USM in October.

With the second half producing just over £700,000 pre-tax profits went from £886,000 past the foreshadowed £1·1m to £1·249m, and from earnings of 16·8p (15·3p) the dividend is 2·5p on May 21 compared with the forecast of 2·25p.

It has gone on to a good start this time with record production volumes and considerably improved profitability in the first quarter. Accordingly it is expecting appreciably higher first half profits.

E. T. Sutherland

DIFFICULT trading conditions for the meat product processing industry last year were aggravated for E. T. Sutherland and Son by the miners' strike, which in certain areas interrupted the growth in sales volumes.

This, plus a significant increase in raw material cost pressures in the final quarter which could not be recovered until after the year-end, means that it has ended its first year on the USM with pre-tax profits down from £1·47m to £1·49m.

The dividend, however, is the forecast 3·55p with a 2p final on May 31. Turnover in the first two months this time rose 16 p.c. but development costs are expected to continue to impinge on margins during the first half.

Frizzell

THE Frizzell Group, one of Britain's largest privately-owned financial services groups, which specialises in insurance, has ended 1984 with its pre-tax profits on from £4·55m to £4·71m.

Turnover rose 32 p.c. to £24·4m but chairman Colin Frizzell points out that 92 p.c. of the group's income is earned in sterling, and in a year when dollar gains had such a beneficial result on the rest of the market the results must be seen as encouraging.

He adds that 1985 will be a vital year of consolidation and restructuring.

Planet

A HEAVY loss of £919,000 incurred in Luxembourg by Planet S.A. cut 1984 pre-tax profits of Planet Group, the door and window maker, from £1·75m to £918,000, and with a disproportionately high tax charge, there are net losses of £278,000 against profits of £658,000.

The dividend, however, is being held at 2·75p with a similar 1·75p final on July 1.

This is because performance to date indicates that the group has made a firm start to 1985, and in anticipation that profits will no longer be burdened by losses in Luxembourg — the sale of whose principle assets to Resart-IHM AG of Germany is now at an an advanced stage.

Photo-Me

PHOTO-ME International's profit progress continues. The first half pre-tax outturn is up from £2·203m to £3·02m. Current returns indicate the second half will be at least comparable with the previous year's, implying more than £5·3m for the year as against £4·51m, subject to no further material movements in exchange rates.

In the opening months turnover rose almost 25 p.c. to £25m and trading profits were also helped by the containment of expenses and the strength of overseas currencies against sterling.

Earnings are 19·35p ahead at 55·56p, but the interim is again 3·15p.

Richard Clay

BOOK manufacturer Richard Clay reports 1984 pre-tax profits of £1·29m (£1·11m) on sales of £22·3m (£19·7m). The figures include losses of £250,000 from the disastrous Singapore printing venture now being closed which has cost an extraordinary £1·4m below the line.

The group decided to pay a 2·45p final dividend, making the total 3·75p (3·5p), even though this comes out of reserves swelling the attributable loss to £957,000.

Clay has high hopes for its joint Chinese book printing venture with the Government. It is not unhappy with brokers' forecasts of £1·7m pre-tax this year.

Watts, Blake

BALL CLAY producer Watts, Blake, Bearne has had a record year with pre-tax profits up from £3·65m, past the previous best of £3·84m set in 1980, to £4·26m. There was a £2·77m advance in sales to £27·7m, of which exports accounted for £20·6m (£18·1m).

Holders benefit with a 3·25p final dividend on July 1 making 4·9p (4·1p), and their first scrip issue for four years, a one-for-five.

The group has reappraised its structure and marketing strategy in the light of current circumstances and anticipated changes in demand and says there are already indications this will contribute to the continued upward trend in profitability.

Town Centre

A MAIDEN 0·4p interim dividend — 0·9p for the previous full-year — is being paid by Arnold Ziff's Town Centre Securities, the property concern which recently helped thwart with open market purchases British Land's tender offer for 9m shares in Mr Ziff's shoe retailer Stylo.

The move increased Town Centre's stake in Stylo from 8·5 p.c. to about 19¼ p.c. but subsequent sales have reduced the holding to around 15 p.c.

Town Centre's opening half pre-tax profits, meanwhile, have edged ahead from £1m to £1·1m on gross revenue of £5·42m against £2·44m.

Growth is expected to continue on a steady basis as in the past.

IN BRIEF

Baille Gifford Technology: Period to Feb. 28—gross interest income £384,000. Eps 1·14p; dividend 0·85p. Asset value 107·4p, or 106·2p diluted.

Riverview Rubber Estates: Full-year pre-tax profit M$3·26m (M$3·45m). Sales: rubber M$4·46m (M$4·79m); cocoa M$751,000 (M$878,000) and oil palm M$391,000 (M$126,000). Eps 17·7 sen (19·2 sen). NAV M42·49 (M$2·46).

Walker & Homer Group: First half pre-tax profit £302,000 (£295,000). Turnover £12·1m (£15·1m). Eps 1·4lp (1·38p); interim dividend 0·2p (nil).

Cockburn Cement: (85 p.c. owned subsidiary of Rugby Portland Cement). Full-year pre-tax profit A$8·79m (A$6·74m). Turnover A$37·8m (A$47·6m). Final dividend 5·25 cents, pay June 7, making 8 cents (7 cents).

Westminster and County Properties: First half pre-tax profit £165,000 (£275,00). Turnover £1·95m (£1·6m). Eps 3·6p (7·1p). Interim 5p (2·75p), payable May 1.

Breedon and Cloudhill Lime Works: Full year pre-tax profit £1·098m (£1·58m). Turnover £3·96m (£4·89m). Eps 10·66p (15·64p). Final 6·5, payable May 24, making 8·9p (8·4p).

Britannia Security Group: First half pre-tax profit £222,000 (£557,000 for previous year). Turnover £1·6m (£2·7m). Eps 2·75p (5·56p). Interim dividend 0·5p, payable May 10. Bought PPR Alarms from Erskine House for £525,000 satisfied in shares.

Arncliffe Holdings: Full year pre-tax loss £587,000 (profit £400,000). Turnover £5·55m (£5·27m). Lps 7·8p (eps 8·9p). Dividend 0·1p (2·66p). Action taken to cut stocks and borrowings.

Scottish Heritable Trust: Full year pre-tax profit £1·9m (£1·11m). Turnover £24·5m (£20·6m). Eps 10·6p (7·2p). Final 1·4p, payable June 21, making 25p (2·1p). First quarter results compared with previous year.

Ramus Holdings: First half pre-tax profit £217,000 (£256,000) after interest charge of £204,000 (£144,000). Turnover £13·2m (£10·9m). Eps 2·5p (3·5p). Interim again 1·5p, payable May 8.

CHAIRMEN

Sedgwick Group.—Carol Mossel-mans: Now real signs of a change in the insurance markets in which we operate. The increases in reinsurance premium rates, which became evident towards the end of 1985, gathered momentum during the renewal season at end-1984.

Garton Engineering.—Aubrey Garton: More encouraging market conditions, together with altered product mix, should enable us to show further improvement in results this year.

Hillsdown Holdings. — David Thompson and Harry Solomon: Trading results to date encouraging.

BIDS AND DEALS

Taddale sells off hotel stake

TADDALE Investments has sold its controlling 51p.c. stake in the Prince of Wales Hotels group. Most of the shares were placed with institutions but 9·9p.c. went to Quality Inns of America, which manages Prince of Wales, taking its holding to 29·9p.c.

The news, along with a 1984 profits estimate of not less than £750,000 pre-tax (£724,000), sent Prince of Wales shares down 12p to 100p.

That compares with the 145p offered by Taddale a year ago and the 135p share swap terms from Comfort Hotels which never went through because Comfort was itself bought by Ladbroke Group.

Foster-Natco

FOSTER Brothers Clothing has sold its near-50 p.c. interest in troubled American menswear chain Natco Industries for "a nominal sum". It is also paying off some $15·5m guaranteed liabilities of Natco.

Sears Holdings, which made an agreed £115m offer for Fosters, has approved the deal.

Humphries

BET subsidiary Humphries Holdings has sold three of its film laboratories to Rank Film Laboratories for about £1m, or net asset value.

The other Humphries film laboratory, at Whitfield Street in London, has been closed with a loss of 130 jobs, after losing over £1m in 1983-85 and £2m in the last five years.

Humphries is to make termination payments costing some £1·4m and intends to sell the London building which has a book value of about £1m.

Valin Pollen

VALIN POLLEN International is to acquire Thomas & Kleyn, the Netherlands - based corporate communications consultancy, for a total cash consideration of not more than G10·25m (£2·41m). The purchase price will be based on 5½ times the average pre-tax profits in 1985, 1986 and 1987. It will be met by an initial cash payment of G4·5m (about £353,000) with a further payment of up to G2·5m (£588,000) in 1986. The final instalment will be paid in 1988.

Wheway Watson

WHEWAY Watson Holdings is to sell 50 p.c. of its chainmaking business to Becker, a United Kingdom subsidiary of Becker Pruente West Germany, for a total cash consideration of £1·37m.

The proceeds will be applied in reduction to group borrowings, and should bring gearing down to between 60-70 p.c. The chainmaking side incurred losses of £279,000 in the year ended Sept 29 — its business being seriously affected by the coal dispute.

Trading losses in the four months to Jan. 31 amounted to £240,000.

Second Market Invest: Raising some £6·4m with a rights issue of two new shares at 11p each for every one held of up to 60m new shares. Cash going to further investment.

Stewart Wrightson Holdings: Negotiations at advanced stage for acquisition of 70 p.c. of Bain Insurance Services, a company incorporated in Bahrein.

Auto Security in lawsuit

AUTOMATED Security (Holdings) yesterday confirmed that it is suing Security Centres after failing to buy the group's United Kingdom businesses despite agreeing to an 8·5 million deal and helping run the British operations for three weeks.

The offer, requiring Security Centres' shareholders' approval, was never put to them after institutional shareholders voiced their disapproval with the decision and the company's share price tumbled.

Automated Security is not only seeking to recover its costs on the abortive deal but also damages.

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A year of progress and bright prospects

Pre-tax profits £4.7 million

Turnover up 32%

Earnings per share up 25%

Dividend recommended up 25%

The group has performed well this year, with increased pre-tax profits of £4.7 million and earnings per share up by 25%. We have a sound financial foundation on which to build our future growth.

1984 has seen a revolution in the financial services industry. To meet the challenge of new opportunities and increased competition, we will be placing heavy emphasis on innovation and marketing. Our long-term business development will be entrusted to four divisions, two of which will deal exclusively with UK Consumer and Corporate affairs.

We are also investing heavily in information technology and in research and development in order to maintain and improve our traditional standards of service.

Our financial state is healthy, our client and activity base increasingly widespread, and our staff loyal and experienced. As one of the largest privately owned UK insurance brokers, we are well placed to meet the challenges of 1985 and beyond.

Colin Frizzell

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts are available from The Group Secretary: Frizzell House, 14-22 Elder Street, London E1 6DE Telephone: 01-247 6595.

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Oceonics seeking a suitor

OCEONICS' two latest statements have neatly clouded each other. The high - technology group is looking for a buyer to enable it to bring the full potential out of its new products. At the same time its pre-tax profits for the year just ended on March 31 are likely to be way below most earlier expectations.

That caused the share price to have a fit yesterday. After initially leaping 25p to 165p the shares had an attack of the shakes and finished 25p lower on the day at 115p.

Not surprising really, for followers of the stock do not know whilbe way to turn for the best. Offering yourself up for sale in the way that Oceonics has just done is unusual to say the least, especially at a time when the company's own fortunes are running at a low ebb.

High development costs have been a problem for some time, placing profit margins under extreme pressure. Profits for the year to March were originally expected to come out somewhere between £4·5million and 4·8million before tax.

Now Oceonics looks as if it will be lucky to produce more than £3·5million, against £3·2million, suggesting profit margins of just 5 p.c. against 16 p.c. two years ago when profits stood at £6million.

If Oceonics is valued on pure fundamentals it is hard to see its shares attracting a bid at more than 140p where its exit price-earnings ratio would be 23 times.

But Oceonics is pinning its hopes on several new products, still at the development stage, which could if they realise their full potential lead to considerable long-term growth.

Left to its own devices Oceonics will find it hard to finance the full development of these products which could require £25 million of capital expenditure over the next three years. Its borrowings are already wel lover 50 p.c. of shareholders' funds.

This may all sound a little like a pipe-dream but by offering itself up in this way Oceonics has at least put itself in a position where it can choose its own suitor.

Shareholders who bought in at 405p a share in June 1985 may rightly feel aggrieved at the way things have gone. But Oceonics is now a group which clearly cannot finance its own potential and at least this way shareholders might be be taken out at around £2 a share.

Avoid chasing Spirax higher

PROFITS a shade ahead of expectations but nothing to get overly excited about. That sums up Spirax-Sarco's full year profits statement to December 31. Pre-tax profits have climbed from just under £11 million to £14·2 million but most of that was anticipated.

Full year profits from the United States acquisitions have taken the North American contribution up from £2·07 million to £4·7 million and the other overseas operations have also had a strong run with profits up from £3·4 million to £4·9 million, reflecting the recent heavy rationalisation.

But the United Kingdom outcome has been disappointing with profits slipping from £4·6 million to £4·2 million after "a number of additional expenditure items." It would have been helpful if the group had quantified these figures which occured mainly at Drayton Controls (Engineering). But the company is shy about several of its figures, including the impact (on benefit) of fluctuating exchange rates. Considering that almost 70 p.c. of trading profits are now generated outside the United Kingdom the swing either way could be considerable.

Those additional costs at Drayton were largely related to new product development and the expenditure there is expected to reduce in the current year so the chances of some improvement in the United Kingdom this time look fairly good.

Against that, conditions in the United States are becoming less favourable, and although Spirax reports increased orders for the first two months it would be unwise to expect the recent underlying growth rate in the United States to continue.

Current year profits will be largely dependent on both exchange rates and United States interest rates—most of the group's debt is in dollars—but £16 million pre-tax looks a fairly safe assumption for a prospective earnings multiple at 276p of around 13 times. The shares have long had a strong following but they should not be chased higher just yet.

Slough Estates for long term

SLOUGH Estates may not conjure up the most picturesque of images, but there is lots of yields a prospective 5·8 p.c. and trades at a 32 p.c. discount to net worth.

The company ended the year to December 31 with pre-tax profits of £33·6 million against £20·2 million — at the top end of market expectations — and has stepped into its new year with a bounce.

Business confidence has not been sapped by the recent increase in United Kingdom interest rates and its North American and Australian interessts, both strong areas in 1984, have continued to perform well.

Abolition of development land tax in the Budget and a restructure of group debt via the issue of a £40 million debenture stock are two additional positive aspects.

Last year Slough Estates took in 11 months of Allnat Group, completed the first phase of development of an estate in Sydney, Australia, and acquired its first development site in south-east Florida.

At year-end group vacancies had fallen from 9·7 to 8·2 p.c. and an open market valuation added £16 million to United Kingdom properties and £30·5 million to properties oversea, translating into an additional 19p a share to 198p.

The market surplus includes £26 million from currency translation. Part of this could be eroded this year if sterling continues to improve, though the overall impact might prove neutral as underlying asset growth compensates.

On the dividend front there is a 20 p.c. increase and an earnings growth projections at least 15 p.c. more can be expected this year.

On the revenue side Slough Estates is well placed to rise to £38 million pre-tax in 1985, while allowances should see the tax charge broadly unchanged. At 135p, up 6p, the shares offer a larger discount than one sector's average and one a buy for the longer term.

TSB takes in key Barclays man

THE Trustee Savings Bank yesterday announced another key appointment from outside the group in what is seen as a major drive to recruit top bankers ahead of its stock market launch, either later this year or early next.

Leslie Priestley, a senior executive with Barclays, is to become chief general manager of the TSB's main banking subsidiary, TSB England and Wales, once the launch has taken place.

He is joining the TSB on April 22 as a director of TSB England and Wales in order to gain experience ahead of taking on the top management job at the bank.

Mr Priestley, aged 51, has held several key posts at Barclays, including head of marketing at both Barclaycard and the bank itself. He was managing director of Bisco, Barclays' Insurance Services division, and for the past 18 months has been a regional general manager in the North of England.

The Trustee Savings Bank, which has six million customers and more than 1,600 branches throughout Britain, is expected to have a price tag of around £1 billion when it is launched.

A key attraction to investors will be the group's ability to use funds at present tied up in government securities to expand its lending operations.

Panel revises Takeover Code

THE Panel on Take-Overs and Mergers has now finalised its revised Takeover Code which will be published on April 19 to take effect from April 29.

In the meantime, the panel has announced the immediate withdrawal of two existing rules.

The two deleted sections are Rule 37, which restricted share dealing in a bid situation to those totally uninvolved with either party, and Rule 42,

Gencor

General Mining Union Corporation Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Highlights from the 1984 Annual Report and Chairman's Statement

Year ending 31st December

	1984	1983
	(R millions)	
Turnover	5,196.8	4,658.8
Group income before taxation	412.3	484.1
Group income after taxation	316.6	399.4
Attributable earnings	282.6	310.6
Dividend per share (cents)	190	190
Earnings per share (cents)	321	388

Contributions to Group earnings

	cents per ordinary share 1984	1983	Change cents
Gold and uranium	125	120	+ 5
Platinum	44	29	+ 15
Coal	22	35	− 13
Base metals and minerals	67	(5)	+ 72
Commerce and industry	27	155	−128
Financial	50	69	− 19
	335	403	− 68
Realisation of investments	6	5	+ 1
Exploration costs	(20)	(20)	—
Earnings per share	321	388	− 67

The decrease in attributable income was mainly due to the exceptionally high increase in finance charges which were up by 152 per cent from R213.6 million to R537.6 million. This increase came about from higher interest rates, the weakening exchange rate and increased borrowings. The loans are mainly for the financing of capital projects like the Sappi expansion and Beatrix mine which should earn significant foreign exchange in the future.

PRECIOUS METALS

The 13 gold mines administered by the group produced approximately 115 tons of gold during the calendar year, which is approximately 17 per cent of South Africa's production.

Application has been made for the listing of the Beatrix Mines shares on the Johannesburg and London stock exchanges and a rights offer of Beatrix's shares is being made to the holders of Gencor shares and debentures.

After several years of exploration and intensive investigations it was decided to proceed with the development of the Sao Bento gold mine in Brazil in conjunction with Brazilian partners.

Investigations of the Poplar gold project in the Transvaal have indicated that the project is viable, provided suitable arrangements can be made in regard to taxation and mining rights. If it is decided to proceed, indications are that the mine should mill 90,000 tons per month at a yield of 5.5 grams per ton and should have a life expectancy of 20 years. Escalated capital expenditure as at present envisaged would be of the order of R500 million.

The group's income from platinum benefitted from the increased dividend on its investment in Impala Platinum Holdings. Prospects for further growth in the platinum market in the coming year remain favourable.

COAL

The group's coal interests are held by Trans-Natal Coal Corporation which has 10 mines in operation. Income attributable to Trans-Natal shareholders decreased by 20 per cent to R37.5 million mainly due to a provision for possible exchange rate losses and a reduction in income due to the sale of the Hlobane Mine in 1983. An anthracite mine in KwaZulu to supply the local as well as export markets is expected to commence production in 1985. Estimated capital expenditure is approximately R86 million.

METALS AND MINERALS

Gencor now has a 50 per cent interest in SA Manganese Amcor (Samancor) whose major products are exported to the world steel industry. Major benefits were derived from the economic upturn in most developed countries as well as from the low rand/dollar exchange rate.

Other producers such as Electrolytic Metal Corporation and Richards Bay Minerals have similarly benefitted and the improved sales volumes and prices are expected to continue in the current year.

INDUSTRIES

The decrease in the profits of the group's industrial division, despite an increase in turnover under difficult trading conditions, is attributable mainly to high finance costs and the weakening of the rand/dollar exchange rate.

Total capital expenditure will show a major decrease in 1985. This is mainly attributable to the fact that Sappi's expansion project is now rapidly nearing completion.

It is expected that local trading conditions will continue to be extremely difficult in 1985 and could deteriorate further before an upturn occurs.

However, as a result of measures taken by subsidiary and associated companies, such as actively promoting exports and ongoing strict management of assets coupled with emphasis on greater productivity, these companies should be in a position to take maximum advantage when economic recovery takes place.

PROSPECTS

Notwithstanding our expectations of another difficult business year in 1985, the level of earnings should not be less than in 1984. This is due in part to expected contributions to income by new projects which have been developed over the past number of years, as well as the measures taken to prevent a repetition of the substantial foreign exchange losses suffered in 1984. Furthermore, the industrial companies have probably entered the lowest point of their downward cycle, and the mining sector should derive greater benefit from a lower average rand value which is expected in 1985.

London Secretaries: Gencor (UK) Limited, 30 Ely Place, London EC1N 6UA.

ALBRIGHT & WILSON

1984 RESULTS

	1984	1983
Sales	569.4	570.2
Trading profit	41.4	41.3
Capital expenditure	35.0	24.5
Net capital employed (end of year)	267.2	223.9
Return on capital (average)	16.9%	17.9%
Number of employees (end of year)	6,300	6,300

These figures relate to the Group managed by Albright & Wilson, including companies owned directly by Tenneco.

- Following the disposal of three businesses in 1983, sales of continuing operations on a comparable basis increased in 1984 by 12% and profits increased by 14%.
- UK profits were slightly lower mainly because of the higher cost of key raw materials. Exports from the UK were £115 million, a new peak for A&W— 38% of sales by UK operations.
- Overseas subsidiaries increased their sales and profits and accounted for 75% of Group profit before interest and tax.
- Tenneco Organics, part of Resins & Organics Division, gained The Queen's Award for Export Achievement.
- Capital expenditure increased in the UK and overseas, with 60% of total expenditure overseas. The main emphasis was on modernising and expanding phosphate and detergent plants in the UK, and sodium chlorate and phosphorus plants in Canada.
- There were significant developments by our associated companies in S.E. Asia. A new factory was opened for sodium tripolyphosphate in Thailand and a phosphonic acid plant was commissioned in the Philippines.
- Rationalisation moves begun in 1983 were completed, with the closure of the Stratford (London) factory and transfer of main production units to Oldbury.

Copies of the Review of the Year may be obtained from Corporate Public Relations Department at the address given below.

ALBRIGHT & WILSON LTD *Building on Quality*™
1 Knightsbridge Green, London SW1X 7QD.

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London & Edinburgh Trust PLC

Preliminary Announcement of Consolidated Profits
for the 12 months ended 31st December 1984.

	1984 £000	1983 £000	% Change
TURNOVER	33,384	28,133	+19%
RENTS RECEIVABLE	1,109	609	+82%
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	5,119	3,353	+53%
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	3,949	2,710	+46%
DIVIDENDS			
Interim dividend paid	2.50p	(1)	
Proposed final dividend	3.75p	3.0p	
	6.25p	3.0p	
COST OF DIVIDEND (£000's) (Assuming no waivers)	1,125	540	

(1) No dividends were paid prior to flotation in November 1983

- TENANT MARKET STRENGTHENING – several important lettings to be announced.
- NEW DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES – exciting expansion of development programme.
- FINANCIAL SERVICES – encouraging start.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

"From strength to strength."

Highlights from the report given by the President, Sir Richard Denby, LL.B., D.L., to members of Bradford & Bingley Building Society for the year ended 31st December 1984.

• RECORD ACHIEVEMENTS •

"1984 has been a year in which the building society movement achieved records. Bradford & Bingley shared in these achievements with assets increasing by £580M, or 21.6%, to £3,267M."

• SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT •

"Improved terms were introduced for the High Income and Premium Access accounts and two new accounts, Flexible Savings and Extra Income, were introduced.

In addition, a redesigned "Prosperity Plan" account was launched in September.

The rates of interest and the terms and conditions offered by all these accounts proved very popular with investors, and contributed significantly towards the record level of income and number of new investing members during the year."

• MORTGAGE LENDING •

"Total advances during the year were a record at £729M, an increase of £198M, or 37%, compared to 1983.

The policy of providing practical assistance to the improvement of the housing stock continued and £167M was lent to fund a variety of home improvements."

• RESERVES •

"Reserves increased during the year by £15.8M to £125M, representing a ratio to total assets of 3.83%."

• MERGERS •

"The Directors extend a warm welcome to all members of the former Clapham Permanent, Dover and Folkestone and Glamorgan Building Societies, all of which merged with the Society during the year."

• CHIEF EXECUTIVE •

"It gives me particular pleasure to pay tribute to Mr. Robert T. Gardner, C.B.E., F.C.B.S.I., who recently retired as Chief Executive after 25 years service. Much credit must go to him personally for the development of Bradford & Bingley.

He is succeeded as Chief Executive by Mr. Geoffrey R. Lister, F.C.A. previously the Deputy Chief Executive.

The Board is confident that he will be an able successor in this demanding role."

BRADFORD & BINGLEY

BRADFORD & BINGLEY BUILDING SOCIETY, CHIEF OFFICE, BINGLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE, BD16 2LW
A Member of the Building Societies Association

UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
3-5 St Paul's Churchyard, London EC4
01-236 1833

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
149-1	95-5	Amer. Grth	139-5	139-1
50-0	30-0	Asian Pacific	47-0	50-0
119-9	67-3	General	108-5	110-9
78-4	52-6	High Inc. Ed.	70-4	74-8
206-5	136-9	Money	186-8	196-5
67-2	42-0	U.K. Fin. Inc.	60-2	63-4
175-6	108-5	Gilt & Fix. Int.	169-6	116-0
169-0	97-4	Worldwide Bd.	149-1	156-5

AITKEN HUME FUNDS (MANAGEMENT) LTD.
30 City Road, London, EC1Y 2AY
01-628 6626

155-4	117-7	Secure Income Fund	141-7	150-8
87-1	52-6	Japanese Tech Fund	80-5	85-6
171-5	150-3	American Tech Fund	126-8	135-7
75-7	56-3	Small Co's Fd	71-4	75-6
169-6	153-2	Recov. Fund	157-0	168-0
169-2	150-3	Exempt Fund	156-5	167-0
165-4	146-4	Special Sits. Fd.	172-1	182-0
49-5	36-3	Fin'l & Gen. Fd.	38-6	41-1
48-4	39-5	Am. Mgmnt. Fd.	36-0[7]	40-1
50-6	36-0	Natnl. Inc. Fd.	40-0	50-6

ALLIED UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Allied Hambro House, Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
01-277 1144 & 228123

178-1	158-0	Nat'l Trust	167-7	+178-8
111-6	104-5	Growth & Inc'e Tst.	104-4	+106-5
204-7	186-9	Capital Trust	186-4	+196-5
227-2	206-8	Balanced Trust	214-5	226-6
46-6	43-5	Accumulator Tst	44-0	46-9
78-7	70-0	American Inc. Tst.	74-8	79-7
155-5	138-5	Bank Income Tst.	147-8	+155-5
165-0	97-5	Equity Income Tst	98-5	104-9
139-2	117-8	High Yield Inc.	131-1	138-7
79-8	76-4	Overseas Trust	76-4	80-7
78-1	65-9	International Tst.	69-1	66-1
7-5	6-9	Japan Inc.	6-2	66-1
141-9	125-1	Pacific Inc.	117-9	125-6
58-8	50-7	Am. Recov. Inc.	50-7	53-2
188-5	168-5	Recovery Tst.	171-8	+188-5
175-4	156-8	Amer. Value Tst.	152-4	+73-0
52-2	47-6	Gilt Growth Tst.	51-5	54-9
104-2	97-9	Manchester Co's Tst	97-9	+104-2
135-7	130-3	Sec. Smaller Co's Tst	130-1	+136-4
61-6	57-1	Recovery Tst.	57-6	61-5
107-9	95-5	Motor Mfng. Comm. T.	92-0	100-9
161-4	119-9	Overseas Earnings T.	119-4	126-0
201-6	174-8	Technology Tst.	182-9	193-3

ANDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE
01-283 8533

135-7	118-1	Anderson Grth Unit	126-1	130-6
28-3	24-1	Anderson Inc. Unit	25-6	27-5

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES LIMITED
TSB Hibbert Pavement, London EC3A
TAX 01-628 8575
Dealing 01-628 8811/2/3/4

45-6	41-6	Capital Growth	42-5	45-8
105-1	84-0	Commodities	83-2	88-3
118-8	109-0	Commodities Accum.	108-1	107-7
48-4	46-5	Com 10% Withdrawal	45-9	48-0
132-8	98-1	Exempt & Interest	95-7	100-5
48-4	44-6	Exempt Tax Free	44-2	46-5
48-4	54-6	Finance & Property	44-5	47-5
75	54-7	Foreign Growth	58-5	60-1
49-8	43-5	Gilt & Fixed	43-2	45-4
48-4	43-5	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	43-2	45-6
97-1	87-8	High Income	89-8	93-6
136-8	100-7	High Income Accum	125-8	132-7
76-8	57-8	High Inc. 5% Withd.	70-7	73-8
158-1	122-1	High Yield	141-5	+150-3
158-1	122-1	High Yield Accum.	141-5	+150-3
93-9	80-9	North American	72-4	77-4
97-1	84-5	Preference	86-8	86-4
73-8	67-3	Preference Accum.	67-3	70-9
108-1	97-8	Smaller Companies	95-9	100-3
136-3	76-8	Smaller Co's Accum.	99-5	106-2
11-5	8-6	World Emerg. Share.	9-3	9-8

Portfolio Trust

42-9	37-3	U.K.	39-8	41-9
45-4	44-3	Japan	54-8	58-4
47-4	44-3	U.S.	54-8	58-4
49-5	47-7	Europe	58-3	57-3

ARCHWAY UNIT TRUST MNGRS. LTD.

63-4	111-5	Fund	114-4	120-1
37-4	32-4	Growth Fund	33-1	35-4
96-8	80-0	High Yield Fd. Inc.	82-5	85-9

ATLANTA UNIT TST. MNGRS. LTD.
66 Mosyate, London EC2R 6EL
01-638 1711

72-8	60-0	Atlantic Assurance Fund	57-3	60-9
82-1	68-4	Atlantic Canadian Tst	68-1	72-9
89-3	74-6	Atlantic Far East	74-2	77-8

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh
031-225 2581

96-4	81-2	Japan	86-1	91-8
146-1	97-5	American	135-5	131-1
92-5	72-0	Technology	77-1	82-5
139-5	97-0	Charity	104-8	111-6
159-4	120-0	Income Grth	143-1	+156-7

BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JE
01-534 5544

19-7	16-7	Pacific Asset	16-2	89-0
165-5	126-5	Unic. Aust. Acc.	138-1	144-7
155-3	107-6	Unic. Assets Inc.	89-0	105-3
280-6	196-6	Unic. Cap.	194-7	178-4
456-4	303-8	Unic. Exempt	308-5	327-8
99-4	71-6	Unic. Extra Inc.	74-4	79-0
178-7	139-4	Unic. Fin.	142-8	151-3
282-8	192-1	Unic. 500	188-1	200-1
111-1	78-4	Unic. Gen.	101-9	108-1
53-6	39-1	Unic. Gilt & Fix. Int	51-9	55-3
179-1	124-3	Unic. Grth. Acc.	137-5	146-0
224-1	158-7	Unic. Inc.	215-5	228-6
112-4	89-0	Unic. Special Sits.	106-5	114-9
148-8	121-1	Unic. Rec.	135-5	144-0
69-3	45-3	Unic. Trust	64-3	68-0
130-8	87-5	Unic. Worldwide	108-0	114-8
297-0	196-4	Trust Inv. Fd. Acc.	236-1	251-1
174-5	128-4	Trust Inv. Fd. Inc.	159-4	169-5

BARING BROTHERS & CO., LIMITED
8 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AE
01-283 8833

235-7	210-1	Extract Sm. Co's Ex Fd	216-7	229-7
205-8	168-2	Extraction Trust	184-5	193-8
147-6	105-2	Extraction 1st Accum	118-9	747-6
130-5	106-9	Extraction Euro. Fd.	112-2	119-2

BARRINGTON-MGMT. CO., LTD.
69 Grosvenor Street, London EC2P 2DS
01-606 4433

126-8	88-7	Gen Fd Inc	117-3	124-5
167-5	117-5	Gen Fd Acc	155-4	164-8
68-1	48-5	High Yield Fd Inc.	54-8	+68-1
147-7	84-4	High Yield Fd Acc.	119-7	127-4
205-5	213-3	Smaller Co's Fd Inc.	205-5	305-4
400-2	280-3	Smaller Co's Fd Acc.	389-9	350-8
106-9	72-0	Pacific Fd Inc	94-2	98-2
133-7	89-2	Pacific Fd Acc	105-3	110-7
208-8	169-5	Nth Am Fd Inc	215-7	228-0
305-5	213-7	Nth Am Fd Acc	246-4	259-1
88-4	61-5	European Fd Inc	241-6	253-6
221-4	224-4	European Fd Acc	241-6	+110-8
147-3	147-3	Gilt Yield Fd Acc	154-8	159-0
159-6	94-4	Japan Fd Inc	135-0	144-0
156-6	94-4	Japan Fd Acc	135-0	144-0

BISHOPSGATE PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT CO.
65 Kathern, Viaduct, London EC1A 2BR
01-248 6080

765-3	511-7	Bishopsg. Prog. Mar. 19	725-5	777-4
1680-0	1225-0	Acc Units Mar 19	977-0	1026-0
988-7	658-6	Bishop. Int'l Mar 26	829-6	879-1
1079-0	784-0	Accum Mar 26	929-9	1000-0
163-1	143-1	Beckman Mar 27	150-0	176-1
169-6	70-0	Can & Int. Mar 26	97-1	103-4
109-5	96-3	Accum Mar 14	100-3	106-7

BRIDGE FUND MNGRS (A) (C)
Rigin House, King William St, E.C.4
01-623 4951

56-5	50-0	American Gen. Inc.	53-5	73-4
56-5	50-0	American Gen. Acc.	73-5	83-2
134-5	84-0	Income Fund	126-7	134-5
134-2	86-4	Capital Inc	103-8	109-7
147-9	109-4	Capital Acc	140-0	148-0
169-5	97-0	Recovery Inc	111-6	118-5
47-2	34-5	Total Recovery Inc	36-7	39-5
53-2	44-8	Total Recovery Acc	48-6	51-7

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588 2761
Dealing 01-638 8473/8479

102-5	85-2	American Growth	85-1	+85-6
91-7	80-0	American Income	83-1	+85-8
98-1	82-4	American Small Fds	82-9	88-4
81-2	67-7	Amer. Opportunities	69-3	73-9
89-4	66-5	Australian Growth	66-7	+71-1
162-2	134-8	Commodity Shares	144-4	154-9
82-6	68-0	European Gen. Grth	68-2	72-8
82-6	68-0	Exempt	68-1	69-8
82-6	68-0	Exempt Mkt Leaders	68-1	67-3
85-8	65-4	Extra Income	68-1	72-4
48-8	38-7	Far East	40-2	42-9
98-1	78-5	Financial Securities	76-0	80-8
29-8	29-8	Gilt	29-7	31-8
24-3	21-3	Gold & General	21-3	22-8
54-8	41-6	Growth Gilt	41-6	44-2
21-8	15-5	Hong Kong Perf	20-7	21-2
143-2	126-8	Income & Growth	152-8	162-5
32-3	30-0	Intnl. Growth	30-0	32-1
14-1	9-9	Intnl. Leisure Mkt.	10-9	11-4
42-1	31-1	Japan Performance	38-9	39-4
13-8	10-1	Japan Smaller Co's	10-0	11-1
152-5	115-0	National High Inc	126-5	+151-8
19-9	17-8	Preference Shares	19-0	20-3
51-1	32-9	Property Shares	49-6	+45-1
91-9	69-2	Reserves	77-8	83-0
119-4	98-0	Smaller Companies	111-1	+118-5
81-7	62-9	Special Sits.	73-8	78-5
91-7	81-9	Tech. Growth	84-2	89-9
47-1	36-2	Technology	39-5	+41-6
139-4	98-1	Trustee Income	44-9	47-7

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO. LIMITED
Founders Court, Lothbury, London EC2R 7HE
01-606 9966

55-8	42-5	Brown Shipley Fund	49-8	51-6
155-8	98-7	Accum	98-1	103-2
179-1	132-9	Income Fund	165-7	+168-8
179-1	132-9	Growth Acc	165-7	+168-8
97-6	86-0	Growth Inc	108-4	114-1
57-7	46-0	High Inc	46-0	48-4
52-9	44-8	Income Fund	45-7	48-7
49-1	43-4	North American	42-4	44-6
48-8	43-9	Orient Fund	43-9	46-1
39-7	34-5	Reserve	35-1	37-1
174-5	137-7	Technology Fund	156-7	167-0

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

120-8	96-3	Buckmaster Inital Fd	109-7	114-7
80-5	66-4	Buckmaster Inc. Fd.	74-3	77-5
174-7	128-6	Buckmaster Grth. Fd	164-0	171-7
1100-0	838-2	Buckmaster Sm. C Fd	911-0	973-9

CANADA LIFE

98-7	72-8	Can. Life Gen. Inv.	82-6	94-5
147-2	109-4	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	136-6	145-6
65-4	55-3	Can. Life Inc. Inst.	61-1	64-7
124-8	116-3	Can. Life Inc. Acc.	117-4	125-6

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx.
HA9 0NS. 01-902 8876

265-9	156-9	Income	245-0	+268-7
177-5	105-7	Far East	163-2	+168-7
148-2	91-0	North American	135-0	+138-4
153-9	114-6	Growth	213-8	+227-4

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
17 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 7815

136-0	108-6	Investment	—	136 70
134-8	125-9	Fixed Int	—	128 70

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
17 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588-1815

322-1	234-7	Income	—	307-1
249-1	174-9	Accumulation	—	249-3

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
11 New Street, London EC2M 4TP
01-283 1963

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
21-6	20-3	Gilt & Fix. In.	19-6	+20-4
47-6	36-5	High Income	40-7	+43-6
41-0	38-1	Inc. & Grth.	39-1	41-7
36-3	27-2	Special	33-7	36-2
71-4	53-2	International	55-7	59-2
22-6	19-5	Global	19-5	20-5
23-5	19-5	Australian	19-5	20-5
79-7	66-9	Japan	62-3	67-8

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH
(0272) 277719

32-5	26-0	General Equity	29-3	31-2
31-4	25-6	Equity Pitch Tst.	29-3	31-2
25-3	24-3	Gilt & Fixed Int Grth	24-3	25-9
26-2	24-4	Indexed Sec.	23-8	25-4

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT
114-4 | 125-6 | Growth Fund | 105-3 | 174-8

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD
Capital Trust | 237-8 | 231-7
Energy | 49-0 | 52-1
Extra Income | 123-2 | 131-0
Financial Trust | 93-2 | 105-5
Gilt Strategy | 51-6 | 52-6
Growth Invest. Tst | 217-5 | 231-3
Income Trust | 108-1 | 108-0
Japanese & Pac. Grth | 73-4 | 78-0
North Am. Grth Trst | 98-5 | 91-8
Portfolio Invest. Fd. | 141-0 | 147-6
Recovery Trust | 85-0 | 90-4
Smaller Companies | 145-0 | 154-2

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW
(04862) 24933

188-1	144-8	Growth & Inc. Inc. Tst	154-5	+175-9
179-6	141-7	Crown Growth Trust	152-8	161-4
129-3	97-9	Crown American Tst.	111-2	118-9

CS FUND MANAGERS LTD
125, High Holborn, London WC1 6PY
01-242 1142

57-3	48-3	CS Japan Fd.	45-5	48-4

EFM UNIT TST MNGMT LTD
4 Melville Cres., Edinburgh EH3 7JB
031-226 3492 (Dealer)

111-1	81-5	Grth & Inc Fd	104-2	111-5
111-1	81-5	Inc Fd.	101-6	108-1
157-7	90-7	Tokyo Fd	103-6	109-1
70-6	60-7	American Fd	63-6	70-1
97-1	46-5	Capital Fd	85-7	92-5
97-5	87-7	High Dist Fd	93-3	99-2
97-5	87-7	Res Fd.	85-2	90-8
33-0	24-8	Smaller Jap. Comps.	28-1	25-6

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061-234 5685

365[1]	223-8	Equitable Pelican	282-7	300-8
59-5	50-0	Far Eastern	52-3	55-6
71-4	48-5	Gilt & Fixed Int	47-9	51-0
57-9	50-0	High Income	50-3	53-4
59-9	50-0	North American	49-3	52-3
55-9	50-0	Special Sit.	50-3	53-4
56-9	50-0	Trust of Inv Tst	50-0	53-2

EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

122-1	93-8	UK Growth Tst. Acc.	115-0	120-2
111-6	86-4	UK Growth Tst. Inc.	104-8	110-2
131-1	106-3	Richer Inc. Tst. Acc.	124-6	130-9
150-9	104-5	Richer Inc. Tst. Inc.	140-7	148-0
98-9	77-4	Gilt Fixd Int Tst Acc.	94-5	+96-9
86-6	71-6	Gilt Fixd Int Tst Inc.	79-2	+78-1
72-2	59-1	North Am. Tst Acc.	62-0	+66-1
63-3	52-3	North Am. Tst Inc.	55-8	+58-0
113-4	78-0	Europe Tst Acc.	92-6	+96-0
113-9	96-0	General Tst	100-4	+101-9

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DT
0732 362222

105-2	88-3	American Trust	82-1	88-7
36-2	26-0	Amer Equ'ties Tst	30-3	32-8
23-2	22-2	Amer. Spec Sit Tst.	22-2	24-0
183-2	52-6	Japan Trust	85-4	90-9
30-8	21-7	Japan Speci Sits Tst	28-0	26-6
59-4	41-4	Mak. Inc. Equ Tst	55-5	+58-1
107-0	71-8	Speci Situations Tst.	96-8	103-0
19-1	15-5	Pacific Basin Tst.	17-8	18-7
37-1	29-3	Gilt & Fixed Int Tst	29-3	29-4
76-8	48-4	Growth & Income Tst	66-9	70-4
95-6	64-0	Managed Internat Tst	90-3	+96-4

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MNGT LTD
1 Laurence Pountney Hill, EC4 R0BA
01-623 4680

52-5	47-8	F&C American Fd.	64-5	+69-0
47-1	42-5	F&C Capital Fd.	63-0	+67-2
61-1	54-6	F&C Far East Fd.	57-8	+61-4
55-8	50-0	F&C Fixed Int Fd.	53-7	56-7
66-4	51-0	F&C Income Fd.	59-5	+64-1
64-1	49-6	F&C Nat Res Fd.	57-4	60-4
66-6	49-9	F&C Overseas Inc Fd	57-4	60-7

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MNGT LTD
3 London Wall Buildings, EC2M 5NQ
01-628 8131

204-4	156-6	American & Gen. Fd.	169-0	200-0
255-6	189-0	American & Gen. Fd. Acc	190-0	202-0
154-0	114-0	Amer. Tax-Exempt Fd	120-0	126-0
200-0	154-8	Amer. Tax-Exempt Acc	154-8	162-8
159-0	107-4	Capital Fd.	152-2	+161-8
76-0	60-7	Capital Tax. Acc.	179-2	190-8
177-7	139-4	Conv. & Gilt Fd.	146-0	153-6
181-7	142-5	Conv. & Gilt Tst. Acc	99-4	104-4
101-7	79-7	Exempt Fd.	83-9	88-2
122-5	93-2	Extra Inc. Tst.	115-2	122-4
92-6	67-0	Income Tst	85-6	91-6
92-6	67-0	Income Tst Acc.	85-6	91-6
34-1	27-9	Intl. Growth Fd.	29-9	31-7
34-1	27-9	Intl. Growth Fd Acc.	29-9	31-7
78-5	54-3	Japan & Gen. Fd.	65-8	69-2
48-0	36-2	U.K. Small Co Rec Tst	44-9	47-7

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

118-8	97-7	Fixed Int. Fut.	101-5	108-5
115-3	101-4	Fixed Int Acc.	107-7	115-1
121-1	106-5	Equity Units Dist.	158-1	157-3
165-2	145-2	Equity Units Acc.	254-9	747-6
135-2	96-5	Stewardship Dist.	102-1	132-3
134-4	98-5	Stewardship Acc.	126-2	135-3

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
138, West George St, Glasgow, G2 2PA
041-332 6462

250-0	1180-0	Balanced Growth Fd	215-2	230-0

G & A TRUST

96-4	70-5	G & A	88-7	94-0

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 3 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575. Dealing: 01-626 8431

157-6	115-0	G.T. European Fund	138-6	141-9
95-7	65-1	G.T. Far East & Gen Fd	78-2	82-1
67-9	52-0	G.T. Income Fund	62-7	67-1
126-5	84-0	G.T. International Fd.	116-0	113-3
175-3	112-6	G.T. Japan & Gen. Fd	138-4	+148-1
102-7	97-9	G.T. Liquid Reserve	99-0	104-2
155-8	110-5	G.T. Pension Exempt	138-3	+144-9
99-1	82-3	G.T. Tech & Grwth Fd	91-1	+97-1
76-8	54-0	G.T. UK Capital Acc.	71-5	76-5
107-2	57-3	G.T. UK Capital Inc.	93-7	+99-3
59-7	42-4	G.T. U.S. & Gen. Fd.	48-5	51-9

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2-4 St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BF
01-623 1212. Dealings: 01-623 5766

98-7	66-5	American Trust	80-8	85-9
24-7	17-6	Australasian Trust	18-7	19-8
46-9	34-4	British Trust (Acc).	38-9	41-1
37-1	27-0	British Trust (Dist).	30-9	44-1
76-8	61-6	Dramond Share Tst	67-7	72-1
29-8	23-9	European Trust	26-4	28-1
39-4	29-5	Extra Income Trust	35-6	38-0
54-6	34-0	Far Eastern Trust	46-1	49-1
29-1	25-1	Fixed Interest Trust	24-5	26-1
95-1	69-1	Gilt Trust	84-3	89-1
135-9	88-2	Global Fund (Acc).	107-6	114-4
96-3	69-2	Global Fund (Inc.).	83-5	88-9
19-1	14-5	World Share Trust	16-1	16-9
108-5	84-1	High Income Trust	101-5	108-0
16-5	17-3	Hong Kong Trust	23-3	24-7
51-7	45-5	Income Fund	49-8	51-1
74-8	59-5	Japan Trust	69-8	74-2
41-5	33-1	Oil & Energy Trust	33-6	40-0
78-5	54-3	Special Sits. Trust	71-5	76-1
48-0	34-2	U.K. Small Co Rec Tst	44-9	47-7

JOHN GOVETT UNIT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Winchester House, 77 London Wall
London EC2N 1DH. 01-588 5620

72-8	49-8	Intnl Grth Fd	61-2	65-4
70-4	48-3	Japan Trust	58-6	62-8
74-1	50-3	Amer Inc Fd	58-5	62-5
113-2	89-7	Euro Grth Fd	95-5	100-4
98-7	66-3	Gold & Min Fd	83-0	87-3
107-7	69-6	Japan Grth Fd	88-9	95-1
72-5	48-5	Pacific Inc Fd	60-5	64-4
70-6	52-0	U.K. Spec Sits Fd	65-9	70-4

GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
5, Lovat Lane, EC3 5DT. 01-621 1212

52-0	48-6	Granville Capital	48-8	51-1

GRIEVESON MANAGEMENT
BARRINGTON FUNDS:
See Barrington Management Co Ltd.

GROFUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pearson Hall, 8/9 Apsley Friars, London EC2N 2AE. 01-588 5317

58-6	50-0	American Tst	52-8	73-7
72-4	50-3	Equity Tst	58-5	72-6
58-2	50-0	European Tst	57-4	62-5
54-2	50-0	Gilt Tst	52-6	56-2
55-1	50-0	Japan Tst	52-0	55-9

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS
01-638 7981

228-4	192-1	Guardhill Tst.	206-1	242 5
118-4	98-2	Gilt & Fixed Int. Tst	112-0	118-4
183-4	118-1	Growth Equity Tst	153-6	164-7
168-4	92-5	North American Tst	135-2	141-2
75-4	62-5	Property Share Tst	68-6	72-2
169-9	118-0	Propeller Share Tst	156-6	165-7
159-8	96-0	European Tst	113-9	121-2

HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Premier U.T. Admins., 3 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217338

68-6	58-0	Australian	58-1	+68-8
93-1	36-3	Capital Growth	47-2	50-6
49-1	40-6	Capital Growth Acc.	43-3	46-1
140-9	90-6	European	124-8	131-2
10-3	7-3	Japan	8-3	8-8
128-2	106-2	High Income	118-6	+124-6
98-4	82-0	Income & Assets	88-4	+94-6
128-2	98-4	International	116-4	+124-6
163-4	98-4	North American	148-1	+156-1
50-5	40-5	American Smaller Co's	48-1	51-1
63-5	52-6	Pacific Smaller Co's	58-6	62-6
111-6	81-1	Income & Growth	105-6	111-3
146-5	106-5	Income & Grth Acc	140-1	147-5
108-5	79-2	Special Sits.	103-4	+108-5
169-9	105-0	Special Sits Acc.	156-8	+169-9
139-2	111-7	Special Sits Fd Inc	131-5	+139-2
97-0	87-0	Fixed Interest	91-5	96-4
111-8	80-1	Global Tech.	104-9	110-4
49-2	45-2	Global Healthcare	46-8	49-2
116-0	95-3	American Reserves	110-0	115-5
79-9	59-5	Japan Special Sits	79-9	84-0
107-1	78-2	Far East Income	93-8	98-7
107-1	78-2	Smaller Co's Fund	93-8	98-7
48-0	38-2	North American Fund	41-8	43-9
74-5	54-8	Japan Growth	63-8	67-1
48-0	38-2	Financial	41-8	43-9
92-6	67-8	Oil & Natural Res.	73-5	77-3
49-6	36-1	Prop. & Gilt	37-0	38-9
68-1	49-6	Recovery	44-4	46-7
42-1	31-0	Gilt	31-0	32-6
204-4	204-4	Singapore & Malaysia	40-6	+43-6
263-7	204-4	War Babies	208-5	+219-7
213-4	177-7	Pacific Exempt	184-6	+193-7
167-1	71-7	Energy Tech Fund	71-7	75-5
92-6	65-0	High Income Fund	82-5	+86-4
251-8	40-8	European Fund Inc	43-8	+46-1
		European Fund

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UNIT TRUST PRICES

PHOENIX ASSURANCE GROUP
Phoenix House, Redcliff Hill, Bristol BS1 6SQ. 0272 294341

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		Life Assurance Funds		
382-8	284-2	Wealth Ass	365-0	380-1
		Pension Plan Funds		
		Phoenix		
103-7	98-9	UK Equity Acc	98-5	103-6
104-6	96-5	International Acc	96-1	96-9
100-9	100-0	Property Acc	99-1	99-9
124-4	98-6	Fixed Interest Acc	99-2	104-1
101-7	100-0	Money Acc	99-1	99-1
101-8	100-0	Build. Soc. Link Acc	99-8	100-8
103-2	99-4	Special Mixed Acc	97-1	102-5
		Phoenix/Framlington		
105-8	98-6	Intnl. Grth. Acc	98-2	98-6
105-3	97-3	American & Gen Acc	99-7	97-5
108-4	100-0	Capital Tst. Acc	100-0	100-1
110-4	97-1	Japan & Gen. Acc	99-5	100-5
106-2	96-2	American Turn. Acc	97-9	99-1
111-6	103-6	Recovery Tst. Acc	99-8	105-2
106-2	98-9	Special Mngd. Acc	97-2	102-5
		Phoenix/GT		
106-8	95-1	International Acc	96-9	95-6
108-5	97-3	US & General Acc	99-1	96-3
107-3	97-3	Technol. & Grth. Acc	99-6	97-7
103-2	94-5	Japan & General Acc	98-9	94-5
106-0	91-9	Far East & Gen. Acc	98-0	92-8
106-2	98-1	UK Capital Acc	100-9	106-2
105-3	98-5	European Acc	97-2	98-9
103-6	98-9	Special Mngd. Acc	98-7	98-6

PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Cumberland House, Baxter Avenue, Southend on Sea, SS2 6HQ
0702 333433

267-5	224-2	Flex. Man Bal Fnd	256-8	—
112-2	103-0	Int Man Cur Bal F	106-8	—
110-4	100-0	Flower Mngd Inv Fd	100-4	—

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Leon House, Croydon, CR9 1LU
01-680 0606

294-3	286-9	Property Fund	289-8	—
286-5	278-2	Property Fund (A)	280-0	—
113-45	111-25	Agricultural Fund	11-45	—
111-20	110-50	Arctic Fund (A)	11-20	—
288-6	280-8	Abbey Nat Fund	289-5	—
297-0	289-5	Abbey Nat Fd. (A)	297-0	—
161-7	154-7	Investment Fund	157-8	—
158-1	151-5	Investment Fd. (A)	154-2	—
555-5	903-7	Equity Fund	541-9	—
545-3	399-3	Equity Fund (A)	529-9	—
250-8	219-0	Money Fund	240-6	—
236-5	210-0	Money Fund (A)	230-6	—
259-5	216-4	Actuarial Fund	252-5	—
308-9	185-9	Gilt-Edged Fund	253-6	—
186-9	159-5	Gilt Edged Fd (A)	182-6	—
165-1	157-4	Fixed Int. Acc	161-2	—
116-0	110-0	Immediate Acc (A)	116-0	—
116-8	257-0	Internat'onal Fund	267-1	—
116-8	257-0	Interna. Fd (A)	261-3	—
117-2	103-8	Bal Sng Life Fd	117-2	—

Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.

265-5	257-5	All Wr Inv Acc Pn	514 1	530-6
157-0	178-4	Int. Fd. U.K.	143-5	—
260-0	252-3	Pension Fd. (A)	260 0	—
252-9	238-6	Comm. Prop. Fd	252-9	—
250-6	225-5	Gen. Pen. Cap. Fd	250-5	—
165-3	158-5	Man. Pens. Fd.	162-5	—
219 4	206-3	Man. Pens. Cap. Fd.	218-4	—
220-1	209-4	Prop. Pens. Fd.	220-1	—
221-0	214-5	Prop. Pens. Cap. Fd.	221-0	—
259-6	258-5	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Fd.	259-6	—
219-8	197-7	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Fd.	219-8	—
189-6	167-4	Gilt Pens. Fd.	188-7	—
159-4	142-6	Gilt Pens. Fd. Cap.	157-0	—
258-0	253-9	Equity Pens. Fd.	256-4	—
268-4	236-1	Equity Pens. Fd. Cap	261-4	—
128-9	96-8	Int'l Pens Fd.	125-6	—
123-4	92-3	Int'l. Pens. Fd. Cap.	118-3	—

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

137-2	118-6	Equity	126-5	133-5
72-1	65-6	Fixed Interest	66-0	101-1
70-9	78-4	International	69 5	94-4
113-1	94-9	Managed	101-5	107-0
143-2	120-4	Property	135-7	145-2
88-7	68-1	Special Market	71-6	75-6

PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD
266 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4QP
01-247 3200

655-5	499-0	UK Eq	597-4	627-3
128-9	103-0	Equity	121-9	128-0
116-0	102-5	Fixed Interest	110-4	115-9
111-7	100-0	Property	106-4	111-7
118-2	101-0	Index-Linked	109-6	114-5
110-0	105-0	Deposit	104-8	110-0
126-3	106-8	Pension Mixed Gnd	122-3	128-4

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PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP
0462 730000

171-2	139-6	Managed Ord	160-4	168-8
158-8	132-2	Managed Init	147-9	155-7
211-5	153-1	Equity Ord	197-4	207-8
195-3	146-9	Equity Init	181-9	191-5
112-4	97-6	Index Link Gilt Ord	104-2	109-7
108-3	98-1	Index Link Gilt Init	100-3	105-6
188-4	145-4	Overs Equity Ord	167-4	176-2
174-2	137-1	Overs Equity Init	154-3	162-4
122-2	110-6	Property Ord	116-1	122-3
112-6	105-2	Property Init	107-0	112-5
127-5	112-3	Fixed Interest Ord	121-0	127-4
119-1	105-9	Fixed Interest Init	111-5	117-4
115-6	107-5	Deposit Ord	109-4	115-2
108-5	103-2	Deposit Init	101-8	106-5
185-8	148-8	Pen Managed Ord	174-1	183-3
171-6	140-3	Pen Managed Init	160-5	168-9
235-8	162-8	Pen Equity Ord	220-4	232-9
227-5	154-3	Pen Equity Init	208-8	219-6
115-4	98-2	Pen Ind Ltd GiltOrd	105-7	112-3
111-2	96-7	Pen Ind Ltd GiltInit	102-7	108-1
205-6	153-4	Pen O'seas Equ Ord	179-6	189-1
198-2	145-7	Pen O'seas Equ Init	165-5	174-0
129-7	114-3	Pen Property Ord	122-2	129-7
115-6	109-8	Pen Property Init	113-6	119-3
131-9	114-1	Pen Fixed Int Ord	124-5	131-1
122-8	107-6	Pen Fixed Int Init	114-9	120-8
122-1	112-7	Pen Deposit Ord	120-7	127-1
117-2	108-2	Pen Deposit Init	111-3	117-2

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4BE
0539 23475

370-9	289-1	Managed Fund	345-7	362-2
407-1	309-6	Equity Fund	374-1	393-2
229-5	156-5	High Income Fund	217-5	228-1
216-1	156-4	International Fund	185-5	195-0
301-1	203-9	Special Sits Fund	282-8	296-0
202-4	155-3	Fixed Interest Fd	199-1	209-6
267-0	208-0	Technology Fund	252-6	236-9
257-5	190-8	Nth American Fund	219-5	233-6
208-3	194-1	Far Eastern Fund	196-9	211-6
197-2	100-0	Extra Income Fd	119-2	125-7
285-5	222-9	Man Pension Acc Fd	272-8	287-0

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

150-0	119-0	Prufund Man. Fd	142-3	149-3

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

196-7	147-8	Prulink Man. Fd	186-1	193-9
136-7	115-3	Prulink Cash Fd	129-6	135-1

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

182-8	139-2	Managed Fd	172-3	181-4
146-5	131-8	Property Fd	139-1	146-5

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool, L69 3HS
051-227 4422

453-7	348-6	Royal Shield Fd	403-2	426-6

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

177-4	142-9	Managed Fd	166-8	174-5
209-1	155-5	Equity Fd	195-9	205-3
157-2	125-1	Property Fd	150-4	157-2
227-7	180-2	Int'ernational Fd	221-2	232-6
141-4	125-8	Gilt Fd	135-9	142-9
118-5	110-3	Money Fd	112-7	118-5
127-8	100-0	U.K. Fd	105-1	110-5
110-0	100-0	Pacific Basin Fd	104-1	109-5

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN. FD) LTD

166-1	130-6	Exempt Man. Fd	154-6	162-7
248-6	183-9	Exempt Equity Fd	233-2	245-4
186-3	152-6	Exempt Prop. Fd	121-7	186-1
208-6	214-5	Exempt Int'nl. Fd	279-5	294-2
155-5	114-7	Exempt Gilt Fd	126-8	155-5
126-0	112-2	Exempt Money Fd	119-7	126-0

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

210-7	170-5	R. L. Mixed Fd	199-0	209-6

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

103-8	79-8	Global Equity	93-1	98-8
316-4	299-5	Property	299-5	316-0
324-6	265-9	Balanced Inv	300-5	318-0
251-3	204-3	Gilt	237-4	251-3
59-8	50-8	Property Pension	56-5	59-8
70-5	59-4	Equity Pension	66-6	70-5
72-1	60-7	Equity Pension	68-2	72-1
65-8	52-0	Managed Pension	64-4	76-9
81-6	65-8	Global Equity Pen	73-6	76-9

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth
0705 827733

250-4	179-3	American (4)	198-8	202-9
146-5	114-2	Augustus	135-5	131-5
260-8	222-4	(USA) Americ Man (4)	258-5	273-1
197-6	150-7	Capital I (4)	187-4	197-2
695-3	509-1	Equity (4)	685-9	687-6
208-5	176-1	European (4)	200-0	273-3
273-4	248-0	Fixed Int. (4)	265-3	214-1
216-1	168-0	Income Dist. (4)	264-0	274-7
277-3	208-0	Income Accum. (4)	268-3	195-9
217-4	168-0	International (4)	168-3	112-7
126-3	100-0	International Pens (4)	100-7	232-1
308-6	235-8	Managed (4)	306-0	308-1
282-7	208-0	Property (4)	282-7	165-0
257-5	190-8	Nth American Fund	219-5	233-6
208-3	194-1	Far Eastern Fund	196-9	211-6
197-2	100-0	Extra Income Fd	119-2	125-7
285-5	222-9	Man Pension Acc Fd	272-8	287-0

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
158 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041-248 2323

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
201-5	158-1	Managed	169-8	199-6
208-8	165-5	Fixed Interest	156-0	164-3
243-5	183-8	Equity	230-0	240-1
200-4	169-4	International	155-0	200-5
128-7	118-6	Property	122-0	128-7
115-5	97-6	Intnl. Equity Fund	97-6	172-4
157-6	109-5	Exempt Man Fd Int	148-1	155-8
139-1	122-8	Exempt Man. Fd. Ac	130-0	136-5
149-2	131-5	Exempt Int Fd Int	140-2	147-7
128-8	101-2	Exempt Int Fd Acc	109-7	115-5
162-1	125-8	Exempt Prop Fd Int	139-0	146-2
113-1	99-1	Cash Fund Int	105-5	111-1
113-3	104-0	Exempt Cash Fund	104-5	110-1

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh EH2 2DZ
031-556-9101

222-6	155-0	Mixed	179-0	200-0
244-0	181-6	Equity	224-9	241-0
152-3	118-1	Fixed Int	139-4	152-1
262-4	177-2	International	225-8	234-8
174-1	109-5	Property	117-8	124-9
115-1	96-5	Index linked	106-7	111-8
123-74	109-62	Cash	117-56	123-74
120-4	99-0	Edinburgh Inc	108-7	113-9
111-6	82-9	Edinburgh Acc	101-1	106-5
121-2	87-7	Halifax Mngd Jap	107-6	113-5

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
18, St Andrew Square, Lanbeath.
031-556 9101

122-5	96-6	Mg Acc	112-0	117-0
131-6	103-6	Property	104-4	110-0
131-6	97-0	U.K. Equity	112-	117-0
200-4	169-4	International	153-0	200-0
128-7	118-6	Property	112-0	117-0
138-6	94-0	Select Property	126-1	132-7
173-8	96-4	Pens American	157-9	165-5
120-6	90-6	Pens Equity	112-9	117-0
158-9	96-9	Pens Managed	141-9	148-9
107-1	96-7	Pens International	122-6	128-0
138-4	98-2	Pens Fixed Int	102-1	107-5
161-7	98-4	Pens Index Linked	102-9	108-2
111-0	100-0	Pens Deposit	105-4	111-0
127-6	99-4	Pens Managed	115-2	121-4

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6, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh
031-556 9101

127-0	98-8	Mixed	114-1	120-4
132-2	100-1	Equity	122-6	132-5
137-2	104-4	International	122-6	137-2
113-0	101-2	Property	101-2	113-0
137-5	98-2	Fixed Int	101-1	107-2
118-8	101-2	Exempt Man Fd Int	108-1	114-0
132-1	125-8	Exempt Man Fd Acc	118-2	124-5
116-3	104-0	Exempt Int Fd Int	104-0	109-6
116-3	104-0	Exempt Int Fd Acc	104-0	109-6
111-3	104-0	Exempt Prop Fd Int	104-0	109-6
111-3	104-0	Exempt Cash Fund	104-0	109-6

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
3, George St., Edinburgh. EH2 2XZ
031-225 2552

276-5	213-0	Managed	256-8	270-4
179-4	138-7	Property	169-4	178-4
268-5	208-8	Equity	252-6	266-2
269-7	208-5	International	244-8	257-5
206-2	174-8	Fixed Interest	191 5	199-1
344-2	252-7	Pens Mngd	321-6	338-6
464-1	377-6	Pens Equity	431-1	453-8
269-5	216-2	Pens Intnl	252-5	265-0
112-5	95-7	Index-Linked	104-5	110-1
151-0	139-2	Cash	142-5	150-2
181-5	164-8	Pens Property	178-1	187-5
212-0	184-3	Pens Fixed Interest	201-3	211-9
115-6	96-3	Pens Index-Linked	106-7	111-3
177-3	157-7	Pens Cash	168-4	177-3

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INSURANCE LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham, 0403-64141

Life Funds

399-0	304-1	Equity	371 9	391-5
251-9	204-2	Fixed Interest	217-0	226-5
293-5	199-9	International	260-6	253-5
315-1	248-0	Managed	291-6	307 0
257-5	225-6	Property	241-6	257-5
164-4	153-4	Deposit	156-1	164-4
136-0	113-6	Index Linked	125-1	132-4
124-6	99-5	North America	99-3	104-6
116-9	100-0	Far East	100-1	105-4
433-57	6.21-73	International Bond	—	450-65

Pension Funds

218-7	156-4	Equity	205-2	216-0
195-7	171-2	Fixed Interest	165-9	195-7
144-9	119-5	Property	137-4	144-7
206-5	162-0	Managed	191-7	201-6
149-6	132-6	Index Linked	148-9	156-8
243-2	169-5	International	205-1	216-2
136-6	120-9	Deposit	129-7	136-6

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA (UK) LTD
2, 3, & 4, Cockspur St., London SW1Y 5BH
01-930 5400

586-9	456-9	Growth Account	—	578-4
530-1	374-7	Managed Account	—	458-4
411-2	306-1	Equity Account	—	408-0
166-0	138-4	Maple Leaf Mngd Fd	156-9	166-1
186-6	147-1	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd.	185-8	185-5
146-2	126-8	Maple Leaf Fix.In.Fd	136-2	143-5
120-8	111-1	Man'd Leaf Prop. Fd	120-7	120-2
120-1	112-2	Maple Leaf Money Fd	114-7	120-8
229-4	170-6	Maple Leaf Impl. Ltd	205-5	216-4
120-6	102-6	Maple Leaf In Lin Fd	114-4	117-3
611-4	480-7	Personal Pens. Accnt	—	609-8
289-7	225-6	Pensions Mngd. Acc.	285-9	298-6
101-0	100-0	Pens. Guaranteed Fd	98-8	101-0
103-3	98-7	Pens. Equity Fd	97-5	102-6
104-6	100-0	Pens. Property Fd	98-5	103-6
103-8	101-6	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd.	98-6	103-8
107-1	97-0	Pens. Intnl. Fd.	92-1	97-0
101-5	100-0	Pens. Money Fd	98-5	101-5
104-1	100-0	Pens Index Link Fd	98-5	101-4

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL
0272-426911

339-0	251-2	Managed Acc	325-0	331-6
207-3	205-3	Property Acc	196-8	207-2
456-8	352-7	Equity Acc	433-0	455-6
188-2	179-2	Fixed Interest Acc	178-4	187-8
110-2	103-4	Index-Linked Acc	102-2	107-6
172-0	129-6	Cash Acc	163-4	172-0
216-5	183-9	American Equity Acc	181-6	191-2
124-2	110-6	U.S. Bond Acc	106-8	111-6
134-6	118-4	Japan Acc	113-4	119-8
121-2	103-7	Pacific Acc	109-3	107-6
290-4	207-0	Far Eastern Acc	264-9	257-8
283-5	226-9	International Acc	224-5	236-4
124-7	108-8	U.S. Dollar Acc	105-1	110-7
111-6	102-4	Yen Acc	97-5	102-8
102-8	101-5	European Curr. Acc	96-9	102-6
154-1	129-0	Distribution	145-0	152-7

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

330-9	305-0	Pens. Mngd. Acc	328-9	325-2
167-2	160-6	Pens Property Acc	158-6	117-5
413-9	367-9	Pens. Equity Acc	391-9	412-6
178-7	177-1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc	169-6	178-6
111-4	104-6	Pens. Intl. Unk. Acc	104-6	108-9
171-5	156-1	Pens. Cash Acc	162-9	171-5
148-8	149-8	Pens. Ameri Eq Acc	150-3	158-5
149-0	130-8	Pens U. S. Bonds Acc	138-5	131-1
141-0	123-0	Pens. Japan Acc	116-8	123-0
140-1	111-5	Pens Pacific Acc	117-6	123-8
451-8	388-4	Pens. Far Eastern Acc	371-6	391-4
324-3	324-3	Pens Intnl. Acc	298-1	298-5
137-0	134-0	Pens. U.S.Dollar Acc	111-5	117-2
131-1	126-0	Pens. Yen Acc	102-6	108-0
106-8	100-6	Pens. Euro. Curr Acc	96-2	101-3

TSB LIFE & PENSIONS
P.O. Box 3, Kerse House, Andover, Hants. SP10 1PG. 0264-62188

126-0	106-5	Managed	119-0	125-4
113-5	105-6	Property	106-8	111-6
104-5	112-0	Equity	143-0	150-7
114-9	98-4	Fixed Int.	110-8	116-1
111-2	104-2	Money	105-9	111-5
256-6	100-9	Man. Pens	253-1	258-5
102-3	100-0	Deposit Pens	97-1	102-5

TEACHERS ASSURANCE CO. LTD

159-6	113-3	Managed Fund	151-8	159-7
115-1	100-0	Fixed Int Fd	111-9	117-8
102-3	100-0	Cash Fund	100-3	105-5

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD
55-57, High Holborn WC1 6DU
01-831 7481

155-8	135-5	Series 2 Man. Fund	151 3	159-4
204-2	174-8	Series 2 Equity Fund	202-6	213-2
153-5	131-1	Series 2 Fixed Int. Fd	141-8	149-2
146-1	124-9	Series 2 Money Fund	138-0	145-3
99-5	85-8	Series 2 Int'l Fund	93-9	98-7
167-1	150-7	Series 3 Equity Fund	165-1	173-8
215-6	183-5	Series 3 Managed Fund	201-0	211-5
250-7	214-9	Series 3 Managed Fund Int.	245-8	258-8
365-0	312-6	Series 3 Financial Fin. Mgt.	345-1	362-7
49-1	42-1	Man. Pen. Fund Cap.	38-1	39-2
45-4	38-9	Man. Pen. Fund Acc.	43-9	44-9

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE
0452-500500.

355-0	191-6	American	210-4	221-1
197-5	154-0	International	171-1	180-5
226-4	225-1	U.K. Equity	245-3	258-2
258-6	220-8	Managed	243-9	256-0
159-6	155-0	Fixed Int.	30-0	151-1
252-4	199-1	Gilt Edged	71-8	252-2
197-6	151-0	Growth Acc	182-9	207-6
250-5	214-9	Growth Cap	231-3	243-6
115-1	87-8	Property	98-7	113-5
251-1	1.20-8	Guaranteed	245-0	254-0
215-6	158-4	Managed	205-9	216-8
251-1	1.20-8	Money	245-0	408-0
231-4	231-4	Pensions Managed	335-9	351-6
111-2	111-2	Pensions Deposit	228-6	237-5
456-8	452-7	Pens. Prop Property	302-2	319-3
226-7	421-9	Pens. Prop Equity	238-7	251-4
115-0	99-0	Henderson Acts.	104-1	109-6
111-9	99-9	Perpetual Act.	111-9	117-9
96-2	96-2	Perpetual Mngd.	96-9	101-8
168-9	122-0	Henderson Pens.	160-2	165-6
135-1	100-0	Perpetual Pens.	128-5	128-8

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Japanese 'Telecom' capitalised at £250bn

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

NIPPON Telegraph and Telephone Company, Japan's equivalent of British Telecom, became a private company yesterday, ready for privatisation. The shares are capitalised at 780 billion yen (£250 billion).

At the same NTT's monopoly has been broken up, allowing Japanese companies to own lines and provide services over leased lines.

But the terms for privatising NTT have not been revealed, and in spite of pressure from the British and United States governments, it is far from certain whether foreign investors will be allowed to subscribe for shares, at least in the initial stages of privatisation.

Companies which own lines in Japan must also limit foreign shareholdings to less than one-third and companies providing services cannot have any foreign shareholders, according to reports from Tokyo yesterday.

Foreign suppliers are also claiming that "invisible barriers" prevent them from breaking into the telecommunications market in Japan, which is worth an estimated $6 billion a year. Japanese officials claim foreign suppliers are simply not good enough.

Japanese prime minister Yasuhiro Nakasone is expected to announce a new package of market-opening measures on April 9. These are awaited with interest, especially in the United States, which abolished its own quota on imported Japanese cars from April 1 in the interests of promoting free trade.

Outlook 'worse' for shipping

SHIPOWNERS have missed out on the strong upturn in world trade over the past two years, with freight rates virtually unchanged, according to the WORLD TRADE REVIEW of Lambert Brothers.

The outlook for container shipping is worse this year because so many new ships are coming into use. The tanker surplus is so huge that rates are unlikely to improve and there is an excess of the dry bulk cargo ship business.

Bass-Seagram spirits deal

BASS is to make White Satin gin in London as part of a wines and spirits deal signed with Seagram yesterday. It will also import and bottle Paul Masson Californian wines, make Captain Morgan the favoured brand of dark rum in its managed pubs and put 100 Pipers scotch whisky on prominent show.

Seagram has been producing White Satin in Scotland. Bass already produces its own Whitehall gin in East London.

Dr Brian Smith to chair Metal Box

METAL BOX has "head hunted" Dr Brian Smith, one of Imperial Chemical Industries top main board directors, as its next chairman.

Dr Smith, 56, has spent more than 30 years with ICI and will join Metal Box at the end of June initially to become deputy chairman of the canmakers.

His departure will add an extra dimension to top-level changes at ICI where two vacancies now need to be filled in the eight-strong executive board. One was caused by the death of Dr Phil Harvey.

Dr Smith, who headed ICI Fibres during its painful restructuring and is in charge of the fast expanding operations in North and South America, was approached several months ago.

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Results for the year ended 31 December 1984.

	1984 £'000	1983 £'000
Turnover	42,347	38,534
Profit before tax	918	1,748
Dividend:		
Interim paid	1.00p	1.00p
Final proposed	1.75p	1.75p
Earnings per share	(2.8p)	6.4p

This statement is abridged from the audited full financial statements. The full statements with the auditors' report will be available from the Secretary at 83 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2AP on 30 April, 1985 and will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the Annual General Meeting.

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Extracts from the address by the Chairman, Sir Timothy Bevan, in the Report and Accounts.

1984 was a difficult year for the banking industry and our pre-tax profit of £655m–18 per cent up on 1983–while it was a record, was not as much as we had hoped to achieve.

The good trading results continue to be affected by the provision for bad and doubtful debts. Specific and general provisions at home continue to be high. Sovereign risk figures compare favourably with our main international banking competitors.

Our capital position has improved and the prospective rights issue should provide a further £507m.

Help for Industry

1984 saw a rise in the number of business failures despite the fact that it was the fourth year of the economic upturn that began in the Spring of 1981.

The increase in the failure rate is now slowing down; but the loss of jobs caused by the high level of failures, although partially offset by the growing number of new businesses, is a sign that the problems of industry have still to be overcome. Profitability has risen from the low level of recent years, but further progress has to be made if industry is to generate the new products and the sustained surge in investment that are needed to transform the upturn into a full recovery. The rise in employment in the service trades among the self employed is encouraging, but unemployment overall has still to fall. The effect of the shake out since 1980, particularly in manufacturing industry, is still being felt, especially in smaller businesses.

We have given exceptional help to keep firms going through the recession, often beyond the traditional limits of prudent banking; inevitably, some of these risks prove bad, but it is right that we should do all we reasonably can to help them through difficult times and back to health and vigour. This must be good for employment and the economy.

Competition and Service

Competition in the High Street grows fiercer by the year, especially in the struggle for a share of private deposits.

Our chief weapon in the competition battle must be the quality of our service. To this end we have continued to modify our branch network, with more of our offices concentrating their efforts, some on the corporate market and some on the personal customer.

This is a process which will take some years to complete, but in the meantime we are mounting an ambitious programme to improve our service generally, building on the success of our Personal Bankers Scheme and on Saturday morning opening–and I notice our competitors are now following this example which we set some three years ago.

Turning to the reorganisation of your Bank, in 1984 the necessary legislation received Parliamentary approval and the new unified Bank came into operation on the 1st January 1985. It is early days yet, but our short experience is encouraging.

Sir Timothy Bevan, Chairman, Barclays PLC. 1st March 1985.

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE SPLIT on base rates persisted yesterday with Barclays and Midland still refusing to follow National Westminster and Lloyds with a cut of half a point to 13 p.c., despite further attempts by the Bank of England to bring in cheaper money.

The Bank pumped a generous £1,042 of cash into the banking system against a shortage of £900m, thereby helping to reduce overnight money costs to 13 p.c. But a rally in the dollar prevented other money costs falling as fast, with dealers adopting a "wait and see" attitude ahead of the Easter weekend.

On the exchanges, dealing remained thin and nervous, with the dollar bouncing back from oversold positions.

The pound closed 1·40 cents lower at $1·2215 and also eased fractionally against Continental currencies. The sterling index held steady at 77·2.

THE POUND ABROAD

	1-4-85	Prev. close
Austria	26.84–.74	26.82–.85
Belgium	76.56–.61	76.52–.57
Canada	1.4666–.8729	1.4630–.6935
Denmark	13.5420–.5040	13.5507–.6304
France	11.5800–.6212	11.5902–.6740
Germany W	3.7550–.7950	3.7580–.8229
Holland	4.2775–.2904	4.2847–.3144
Ireland	1.2168–.2181	1.2116–.2206
Italy	3416.31–3425.25	3425.24–3438.78
Japan	302.05–.80	308.24–310.56
Norway	10.9275–.9699	10.9614–11.0305
Portugal	206.52–212.63	212.08–217.59
Spain	211.90–212.31	212.61–213.99
Sweden	9.9949–10.0045	9.9949–10.0145
Switzerland	3.3055–.2151	3.2987–.2851
Utd. States	1.2205–.2225	1.2330–.2360

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index
SOON 77.4 '78·01 CLOSE 77·2 177·2)
(Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 419 50–420.22
Australia	A$1.8025–1.8075
Brazil	Cruzeiro 5424.53–5453.18
Finland	Markka 7.9486–7.9555
Greece	Drachma 165 47–167.04
Hong Kong	HK$ 9.5400–9.5500
India	Rupee 15.2439
Iraq	Dinar 0.3864–0.3865
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3720–0.3750
Malaysia	Ringit 3.0950–3.1050
Saudi Arabia	Rial 4.4380–4.4880
Singapore	$ 2.7185–2.7285
South Africa	Rand 2.3685–2.3700
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.5185–4.5715

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	1-4-85	Prev. close
France	9·4700	9·4000
Germany	3·1215	3·0875
Switzerland	2·5375	2·5000
Japan	252·40	251·00
Trade weighted are	146·60	145·90

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8⅛–8⅛ | 1 month 8⅛–8⅜
3 months 9–9⅛ | 6 months 9⅜–9½

MARKS:
7 days 5⅝–5⅞ | 1 month 5⅝–5¾
3 months 5¾–6 | 6 months 6⅛–6⅜

SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 2⅝–2⅞ | 1 month 5⅛–5⅜
3 months 5⅜–5⅛ | 6 months 5⅜–5⅛

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

Austria	15¾–14 Gr. pm	43–38 Grm. p.a
Belgium	28–13 c.pm	60–41 c.pm
Canada	0.57–0.38 c.pm	1.21–0.97 c.pm
Denmark	4⅜–3½ Ore pm	8½–8¼ Ore pm
France	3¼–2¼ c.pm	8¾–8 c.pm
Germany W	3–2 Pfg pm	7¾–6⅛ Pfg pm
Holland	2¾–1¾ c.pm	7–6 c.pm
Italy	21 Lr.pm–3 Lr.dis	77–15 Lire dis
Japan	2¾–1⅝ Yen pm	6¾–4⅝ Yen pm
Norway	1½–⅛ Ore pm	3⅛–⅛ Ore pm
Portugal	155–655 c.dis	515–1605 c.dis
Spain	25–6 c pm	10 c.pm–30 c.dis
Sweden	¾ 0.pm–¾0.dis	¼–2 Ore dis
Switzerland	3¾–1¼ c.pm	6¾–5⅛ c.pm
Utd. States	0.61–0.48 c.pm	1.27–1.22 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $324-65 | 2nd Fix $321-10
Close $321-125 | (-$350-00)
Sterling Equiv. £262·85 | (£267-09)

KRUGERRANDS*

£265-00–£310-50 ($269-60–$318-09)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£230-15–£252-80 ($238-00–$240-78)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£60-00–£77-05 ($61-00–$78-20)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES
(per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 13–13½ (March 28)

FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 14 pc (April)

DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 9–13

INTERBANK:	Overnight 12⅞–13⅛
7 days 13⅛–13½	1 month 13⅛–13⅝
3 months 13¼–13⅜	6 months 13⅛–12⅝
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:	
Two days 13¼	Seven days 13¼
One month 13¼	Three months 13⅛
BANK BILLS:	1 month 12⅝–12⅝
3 months 12⅝–12⅝	6 months 11⅛–11⅛
TREAS. BILLS:	1 month 12⅛–12⅛
2 months 12⅛–12⅛	3 months 12¼–12⅛
STERLING C.Ds.:	1 month 13⅛–13⅛
3 months 12⅝–13⅛	1 year 12–12⅛
DOLLAR C.Ds.:	1 month 8.65–8.75
3 months 9.90–9.00	1 year 10.05–10.15

COMMODITIES

Gold weaker

THE LONDON gold price, reacting to erratic dollar movements, closed $8·875 weaker at $321·125 an ounce yesterday, having earlier touched $318 an ounce. London spot silver was 7·45p down at 529·65p an ounce.

Shearson/American Express analyst David Williamson forecasts gold's recovery will not be confirmed until gold trades regularly above at least $330, and preferably $360, and that short term prospects for the metal still hinge on the dollar.

LONDON METAL MARKETS
Rudolf Wolff report

COPPER: Steadier. Wire Bars: Off settlement £1,149 (£1,143). Off midday cash £1,148–£1,149, 3 months £1,170–£1,170·50. After close cash £1,154–£1,155, 3 months £1,173·50–£1,174. T/O 25,975 tonnes. Cathodes: fdic. Off settlement £1,152 (£1,148). Off midday cash £1,150–£1,152, 3 months £1,169–£1,170. After close cash £1,155–£1,156, 3 months £1,172–£1,174. T/O 625 tonnes.

TIN: Firmer. Off settlement £8,650 (£8,580). Off midday cash £8,650–£8,670, 3 months £8,640–£8,650. After close: cash £8,685–£8,690, 3 months £8,685–£8,688. T/O 1,465 tonnes.

LEAD: Firm. Off settlement £299 (£294). Off midday cash £296·50–£299, 3 months £298·50–£299. After close cash £304·50–£305·50, 3 months £314–£314·50. T/O 11,655 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady but quiet. Off settlement £790 (£793); off midday cash £785·50–£790; 3 mths £735·50–£736; aft close cash £788–£795; 3 mths £736–£737. T/o 5,350 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 529·5p–530·5p; 3 mths 547·5p–548·0p; aft close cash 528·0p–531·0p; 3 mths 547·0p–549·0p. T/o 75 lots of 10,000ozs. each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady. Off settlement £89p (£882); off midday cash £888–£890; 3 mths £918–£919; aft close cash £895–£896; 3 mths £923·50–£924. T/o 7,450 tonnes.

NICKEL: Stradler. Off settlement £4,230 (£4,240); off midday cash £4,315–£4,320; 3 mths £4,540–£4,550; aft close cash £4,360–£4,370; 3 mths £4,575–£4,580. T/o 894 tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (prices in $): Nil lots traded.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 529·65 (537·10); 3 mths 546·35 (553·80); 6 mths 561·35 (569·70); 1 yr 590·00 (597·85).

PLATINUM: Free-Market £228·90 (£231·50).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

SISAL: East African unsorted levels. No. 1 basis £600; No. 3 long $640. C.I.F., Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price. Raws $108·50 £83. No. 1 contract $per tonne. May 113·75–30; Aug. 116·80–116·40; Oct. 118·80–119; Dec. 125–125; March 156·80–157; May 141·40–141·60; Aug. 146–147. T/o 896 lots.

COFFEE (£ per ton): May 2205, July 2250, Sept. 2278, Nov. 2300, Jan. 2278. Sales 784.

COCOA: E. D. + F Man (COCOA) REPORT (£ per tonne). *Closing prices. May 2012 Sell. 1011 Buy; July 1974, 1973; Sept. 1947, 1945; Dec. 1875, 1873; March 1868, 1866; May 1870, 1863; July 1873, 1840. Sales 6624. Options: 1.

SOYA MEAL: Easier. June £33·40; Aug. £33·70–£33·10; Oct. £36·90–£37·10; Dec. £41·50–£42; Feb. £47·30–£47·20; April £48·50. T/o 279 lots.

GAS OIL FUTURES

GAS OIL: April 234·50–24·25, May 231·75–31·50, June 226·75–26·50, July 226·50–25·75, Aug. 236·25–27·50, Sept. 231·00–27·00, Oct. 233·00–28·00, Nov. 236·00–29·00, Dec. 240·00–30·00. Volume 945.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·80, Dubai 27·10, Arab Heavy 26·50, North Sea (Forties) 28·10, North Sea (Brent) (April) 28·35 (May 27·55), Bonny Medium 27·85.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices, Eastern, feed wheat 117·20 (+120); E. Midlands, feed wheat 117·90 (+150); eFed barley 122·80 (+240); Scotland, feed wheat 118·00 (+260); Fed barley 112·80 (+170). UK monetary coefficient for the week beginning April 8 (based on HGCA calculations using four days exchange rates) expected to change to 0·990.

LONDON BARLEY (£ per ton): May 116·45, Sept. 98·20, Nov. 101·85, Jan. 105·05, March 108·20.

WHEAT "S" (£ per ton): May 119·75, July 123·75, Sept. 98·20, Nov. 101·45, Jan. 105·20.

(GAFTA)

PIGMEAT (Gafta): April 110·40p; June 106·00p; Aug. 101·00p; Oct. 107·90p; Nov. 109·00p; Feb. 100·00p. T/o 39 lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): April £43·50; May £54·50; Nov. £75; Feb. £82; April £96·40. T/o 826 lots.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit lbs: Eating apples 10-36, cookers 8-12, bananas 32, grapes 45-54, pears 12-34, plums 36, outdoor peaches 30, nectarines 36-52, strawberry 60-80. Each: Avocados 30-45, coconuts 28, grapefruit 10-16, pink 20-40, Kiwi fruit 24-26, lemons 5-8, limes 16-20, mangoes 20-60, melons 100-180, oranges 5-15, pineapples 45-80, nectarines 30-40.

Salad per lb: Beef tomatoes 70, imported salad tomatoes 24-40, home grown 45-48, chicory 60, beetroot 1-3, Chinese leaf 55, parsley 120. Each: Celery 12-34, cucumbers 25-35, round lettuce 10-15, iceberg 40-46, cos 50, endives 80. Per bunch: Watercress 16, mint, sorrel and tarragon 7. Expects in next day: Spring onions 15, imported 28, radishes 15-18.

Vegetables per lb: Horse radish 120, asparagus 200-260, root ginger 45, garlic 70, okra 90, French cabbage 50. English 14, aubergines 50, Kenya beans 85, mangetout 150, broad beans 30, cauliflower 45, old carrots 12, new carrots 24-30, courgettes 50-60, swiss greens 35, leeks 33, mushrooms 60-70, onions 6-8, parsnips, swedes and turnips 6-7, spinach 56, capsicum 60-65, old potatoes 2-3, new 17-15. Each: Globe artichoke 30, sweetcorn 30, celeriac 10-20, cauliflower 50.

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LONDON TEA AUCTIONS

There were 43,247 packages on offer in this week's sale, including 12,600 packages in the offshore section. Arrivals met with a limited inquiry and lost 10/14p with a number of withdrawals. Bangladesh invoices were generally 10/15 lower with poorer sorts neglected. Africans opened 5p up sometimes 15p easier but closed 15p to 20p lower with plainer kinds unwanted and mostly withdrawn. A few better Ceylon Coynes sold well but medium were irregular and often 10p easier. Offshore teas registered limited demand except for brighter descriptions which were about firm. Others, where sold, shed 10/15p. Quotations: Quality. No quotation: medium, 216p (324p); low medium, 164p (178p).

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By BRUCE KINLOCH

LONDON & Edinburgh Trust, which came to the market by way of an offer for sale by tender in November 1985, yesterday produced its preliminary results for 1984, its first full year as a public company.

The figures show turnover up by 19 p.c. to £53·4 *million* on which pre-tax profits of £5·1 million are struck, an increase of 53 p.c. over 1983. A final dividend of 3·75p is to be paid, making a total for the year of 6·25p against 5p, although there is no direct comparison on the dividend because none was paid prior to the flotation.

The *group*, which is headed by accountant John Beckwith, has achieved significant growth during the year in all respects of its development programme.

It let the two new office towers, totalling 185,000 sq. ft, in its Billingsgate development. Samuel Montagu Holdings took a lease on the offices, but has *since disclosed* that it will not occupy the space. However, the merchant bank is committed to paying rent. It seems probable that a buyer will emerge soon for the whole complex.

London & Edinburgh made a significant acquisition during the year which will provide it with future profits. This was Britannic *House North, bought* from Granada for £20·5 million. Since then it has obtained planning consent for a new office building of 250,000 sq. ft with individual floors in excess of 30,000 sq. ft.

The Ropemaker Street area of the London E.C.2 postal district is one where there has been recent high demand for offices and with large floor areas of the type sought by the new City financial services groups very high rentals will be obtained.

Its development of three office buildings at Hatton Cross, Heathrow, pre-sold to the Electricity Supply Nominees, the pension fund of the electricity industry, has just been *let* to British Airways. The rental obtained for the 116,000 sq. ft of space equates to some £7·10 a sq. ft, giving E S N an initial yield of 8·25 p.c.

In Basingstoke the group has just completed the purchase of the bus station site at Churchill Way from the Hants & Dorset Bus Company where it is to *develop a 155,000 sq. ft.* office tower to be called Churchill Plaza.

London & Edinburgh has formed a partnership with Guinness Peat Properties and Lovell Developments to carry out this £20 million project. Healey & Baker, which advised the bus company, has been retained, along with L. S. Vail and Knight Frank & Rutley as letting agents for the development. Completion is due for January 1987.

The civic-award-winning 10,500 sq. ft office development at Oaklands, Maidenhead, has been fully let at the record rent for the area of £15 a sq. ft.

At Bracknell the group has acquired, and subsequently funded, a development known as Waterside Park where it proposes to develop some 105,000 sq. ft of highly-specified speculative "hi-tech" space.

There will be 400 parking spaces, one space to ach 260 sq. ft of floor area, which is a great deal higher than in *most* similar developments built to date. There will be a high degree of landscaping and the site has the benefit of being directly alongside a lake.

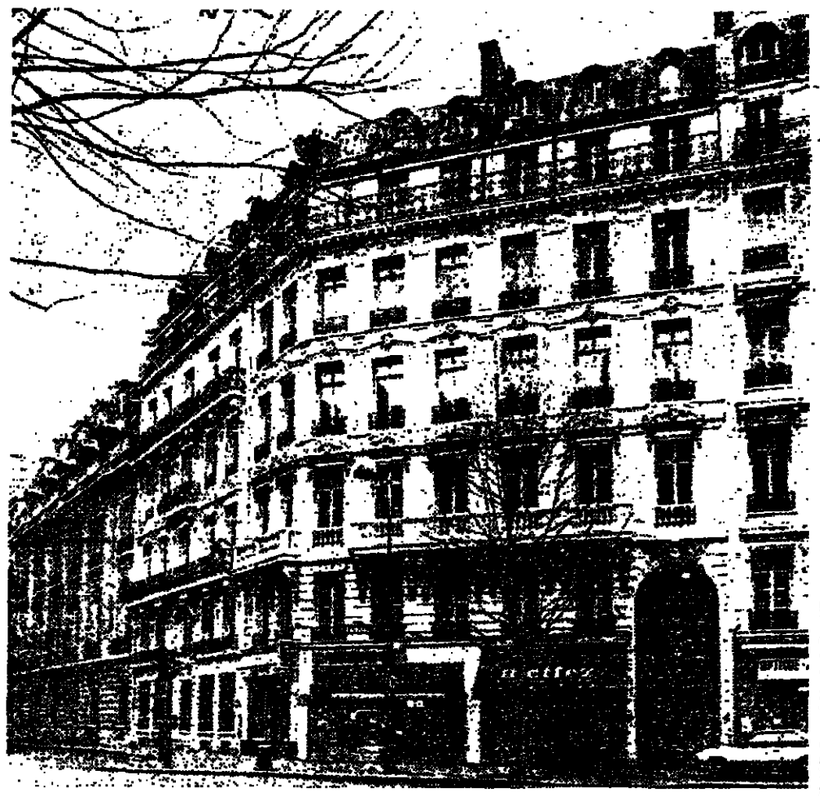
During the 1984 the investment portfolio increased to £25 million, but it should be emphasised that London & Edinburgh as a trading company *does not* include its developments held for resale in the investment portfolio. Even though the Billingsgate complex *is fully* let its considerable value is not reflected in the portfolio.

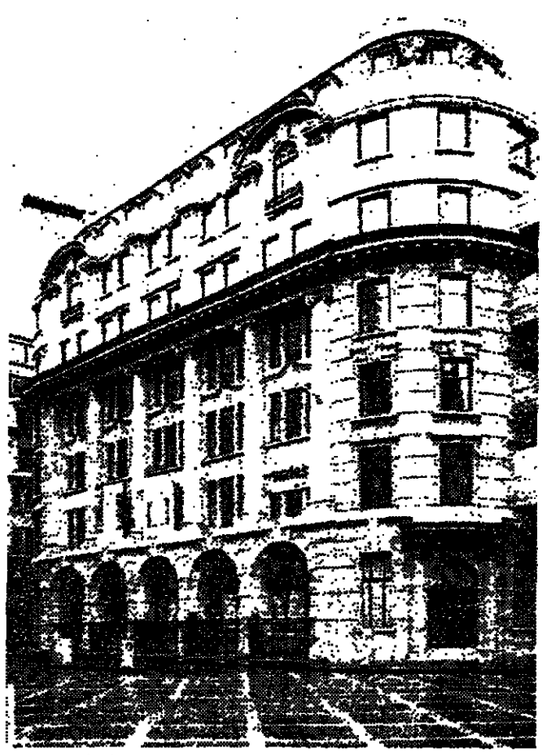
An area which is set play a considerable part in future profit generation is the United States where a subsidiary has been established in San Francisco and already it has acquired a prime office development site in that city.

The group has come a long way since it made its market debut and the recent rises in its share price reflect investors' satisfaction with its progress.

P O building may be sold

THE POST OFFICE has decided not to move its headquarters staff back into its old building at St Martins le Grand London, E C 1, and there is now considerable speculation that the vast premises to the north of St Paul's Cathedral will be sold for refurbishment or redevelopment.





LONDON & Edinburgh Trust and Balfour Beatty, in association with local developers, Capital and Continental have acquired the former Empain Schneider headquarters complex of some 156,000 sq. ft on Boulevard Malsherbes (above), in the heart of central business district of Paris, for a £45 million development. With a heavy demand for offices and a very tight supply there has been a rental growth for the best locations of over 20 p.c. during the past two years. Jones Lang Wootton, which has been advising London & Edinburgh, estimate that the Malsherbes properties represent around 20 p.c. of the available space in the business centre. The complex comprises three adjoining buildings each of around 50,000 sq. ft.

THE City office market is more active than even during the heady days of 1973 and properties are changing hands at very high prices when they are in the really prime positions close to the Bank of England. Number 1 Moorgate (left) is in one of the best locations and the £41·5 million paid by the Arab Banking Corporation of Bahrain is an indication of how City rents and values have been rising in recent months. The property was sold through agents Hillier Parker May Rowden An investment yield of 4·25 p.c. was achieved with the rental value indicated at £38 a sq. ft for the 49,392 sq. ft

Record sales and lettings in Aberdeen

LETTINGS and sales of industrial property in Aberdeen have reached record levels, according to the latest half-year survey by Drivers Jonas, which has an office in the Granite City. In the past six months almost 400,000 sq. ft changed hands, a level not exceeded since the winter of 1978-79.

Heavy demand has not matched supply. During the past six months only 190,000 sq. ft of accommodation came onto the market, of which, according to the firm, only 85 p.c. represented either new or modern buildings.

That is the lowest supply noted since the firm began its bi-annual surveys in 1976 and, coupled with the current high demand, has resulted in the quantity of available space in Aberdeen shrinking to its lowest level since 1979.

There has been a decline in demand for very small office suites in the city but there has been a marked increase in the requirement for offices of 1,000 to 3,500 sq. ft., according to the report. In this area there is a balance between supply and demand.

Strongest interest is still focused on the West End of the city, although the firm states that companies looking for over 3,000 sq. ft have tended to prefer modern open plan offices which are located throughout the central area of Aberdeen.

These larger properties are commanding rents of £6 to £7 a sq. ft while smaller units in the west end district have been letting recently at up to £9 a sq. ft.

Aberdeen remains the oil town of Britain and institutional investors have demonstrated that they are prepared to buy well-designed buildings providing they are let to good covenants. The yields being obtained are pitched at 8 to 9 p.c.

Rod Miller of Drivers Jonas says that the market for purpose-built properties on industrial estates continues to attract developers, since existing speculative developments are not fitting the requirements of several of the larger companies operating in Aberdeen.

By provincial office standards rents in Aberdeen are already quite high and as there is only one substantial property likely to become *available in the near future* and there are few outstanding planning consents, there is likely to be a rise in office rents and a reduction in the overall supply over the next few years.

At rents of £7 a sq. ft or above it is possible to carry out speculative development and any sign of a shortage in the supply of offices could result in developers beginning to seek planning permission.

BP Oil offices may combine

ALL work on repair and refurbishment of the bridge section of B P Oil's office building at Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, has been stopped pending a study into the possibility of combining the group's office there and its head office in Victoria, London, into one building on a new site in the Hemel Hempstead area.

Structural faults were found in the three floors of offices in the bridge section in August 1983. The 100 staff occupying the offices were immediately removed and the road beneath the bridge was closed.

One of the main reasons for the possible move of the head office of the group is that over the next few years it will be investing heavily in modern communications systems.

Big hit at Old Trafford

THE Manpower Services Commission has let a complete wing of its MacLaren House office building at Talbot Road, Old Trafford, Manchester, to the *Keen Scott group, parent company* of Kitchens Direct and Moben Kitchens. A total of 8,265 sq. ft of office space has been leased at an initial rental of £24,750 a year.

W. H. Robinson, which acted for the commission in the letting, says there is increased interest in the Old Trafford area, which is outside the high rated Manchester city but close to the centre and motorway links.

The Keen Scott letting is at a level of £3 a sq. ft, which *represents good value* when compared with rents of £5·75 a sq. ft in neighbouring Sale.

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Construction of the £30 million property will start later this year with a planned completion for the spring of 1988. But the progress of the project hinges on Hyatt's application for an urban development grant which was lodged yesterday.

The Renton Howard Wood Levin Partnership of architects have designed a structure which promises to be one of the most dramatic hotel buildings in Europe. The 30-storey building will be triangular in plan and clad in reflective silver glass.

A feature of the hotel will be the lobby, with fountains, waterfalls and trees. It will open onto two restaurants, a bar and shopping arcade.

A bridge will link the hotel directly to the Birmingham International Convention Centre which is to be the largest purpose-built convention centre in the country, accommodating up to 3,500 delegates.

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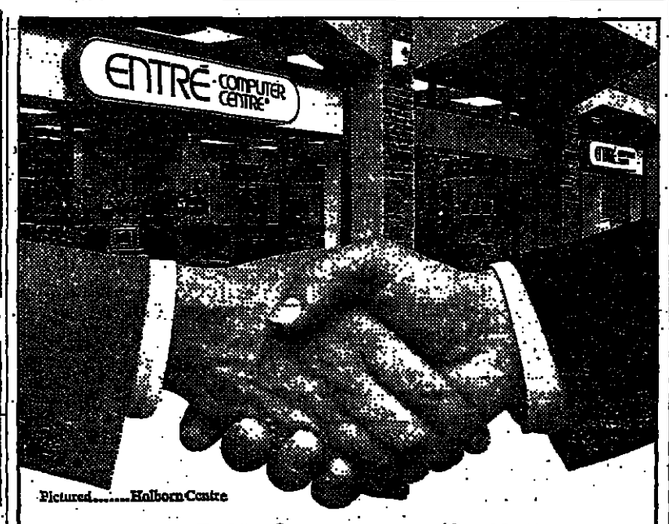

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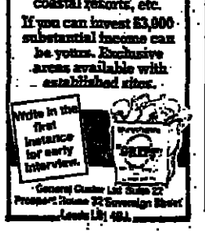

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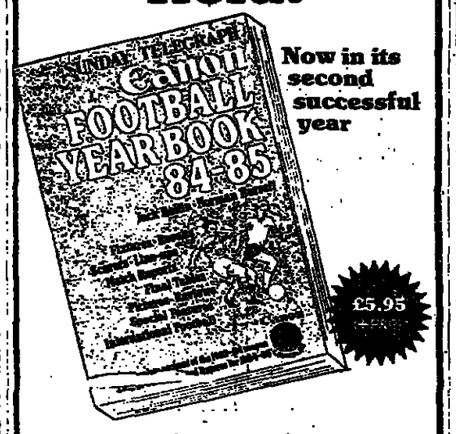

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PROVIDEO SET TO REAPPEAR AT HAYDOCK

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

PROVIDEO, whose 16 wins last season set a 20th Century record for an English two-year-old, is due to reappear tomorrow. Bill O'Gorman, his trainer, intends running him in the five-furlong Field Marshal Stakes at Haydock Park.

Provideo's 1984 successes were gained on 11 different courses, Haydock Park among them. The Cock of the North Stakes there last July was worth £6,649 and is the most valuable race he has won.

Although Provideo finished a creditable second in the seven-furlong Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood last August, his wins were all at five-or six furlongs.

O'Gorman's provisional plan is to keep him to sprint distances this spring until the ground dries out.

Tomorrow's race may be followed by the six-furlong Abernant Stakes at Newmarket on April 17 and then the five-furlong Palace House Stakes there on 2,000 Guineas day, May 4.

The Palace House Stakes, in which Provideo escapes all weight penalties, carries Pattern status and his stable are anxious to get such a win into the colt's record.

His 1984 campaign ended on a note of anti-climax over a mile at Hollywood Park, California, where Provideo ran the one poor race of his career and finished unplaced for the first time.

Jumpers on view at Ascot tomorrow will probably include Crimson Embers, narrowly beaten by his stable-companion Rose Ravine in last month's Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham.

Crimson Embers' Ascot race is the Keith Prowse Long-Distance Hurdle, in which he was a close third last year and runner-up in 1982.

Stans Pride, a surprise third to See You Then, in the Champion Hurdle, is a likely Ascot runner for the Kestrel Handicap Hurdle.

Champion Hurdle form is not working out well. Robin Wonder, Gaye Brief and Fredcoterie—second, fourth and fifth at Cheltenham—were all well beaten in Bajan Sunshine's Liverpool race on Saturday.

Several bookmakers have withdrawn Park Appeal, last season's Cheveley Park Stakes winner, from their 1,000 Guineas list, following weekend suggestions that Oh So Sharp, another unbeaten filly, may be Sheikh Mohammed's runner.

To my mind, the cold, wet spring gives the 1,000 Guineas betting small attraction at this stage. Park Appeal's first 1985 race is likely to be at Phoenix Park on April 20. She is entered for the French and Irish 1,000 Guineas as well as the Newmarket classic.

William Jarvis, a former assistant to Henry Cecil, and the latest member of a famous training family to take out a licence, saddles his first runner at Nottingham today. This is The Student Prince, who contests the Oval Maiden Stakes.

Few of its runners boast much public form and I shall take a chance with Buster Jo, by Bustino out of that useful mare Joey.

Native Skier is preferred to Mr Jay-Zee for the Headingley Stakes. Both had fair two-year-old form.

Runaway, today's nap for the Old Trafford Maiden Stakes, finished fourth to Running Edge at Doncaster on the season's opening afternoon. Virgin Prince, third in that close finish, won by four lengths at Lingfield Park on Saturday.

TODAY'S NOTTINGHAM SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
2. 0—Prince Darius	2. 0—Jack's Island	2. 0—Prince Darius
2.30—Hi-Tech Boy	2.30—Manhattan Boy	2.30—Manhattan Boy
3. 0—Buster Jo	3.30—NATIVE SKIER (nap)	3. 0—Don Runi
3.30—Native Skier	4. 0—Knight's Heir	3.30—Mr Jay-Zee
4. 0—Knight's Heir		4. 0—Rainbow Lady
4.30—RUNAWAY (nap)		4.30—RUNAWAY (nap)

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Native Skier and Runaway.
NEWMARKET NAP.—Mr Jay-Zee (3.30).
TONY STAFFORD.—The Drunken Duck (3.45 Sedgefield).

From Newmarket

CALLAGHAN TO LAND DOUBLE

By Our Resident Correspondent

Neville Callaghan has bright prospects of completing a double at Nottingham with Carolynchristensen and Mr Jay-Zee.

Mr Jay-Zee landed the odds in comfortable style when winning the Strathclyde Stakes at Ayr last season and he is napped to make a winning reappearance in today's Headingley Stakes.

HAMILTON PARK: 3.15 Qualitair Prince; 4.15 Our Lord; 4.45 Millaine.
NOTTINGHAM: 2.0 Carolynchristensen; 2.30 Fur Sevvy; 3.0 The Prudent Prince; 3.30 Mr Jay-Zee (nap); 4.0 The Owls; 4.30 Stargrave.

U.S. women in York challenge

By HOWARD WRIGHT

BRITISH racegoers who have followed Steve Cauthen's progress to becoming the first American to be British champion jockey since 1913 will get a chance to judge the talents of American women riders for the first time this year.

A team of four US women professionals have accepted a challenge to take on British amateurs in a two-race event at York on June 14.

The two races, both guaranteed sweepstakes, will be over a mile and a half and seven furlongs, and with the fields limited to eight runners, a points system for the first four finishers will determine the winning team.

Graham Maynard, president of the sponsors, El Capistrano Villas, said yesterday: "I'm sure we are in for a fine spectacle, and the event should appeal to both men and women alike. The girls are sure to attract the attention of people who don't normally follow racing."

British line-up

The British team will be chosen from Gay Arber, whose six winners have been divided between the Flat and hurdling; Maxine Juster, who won the first amateur riders' race of the season; Geraldine Rees, the first woman to complete the Grand National; Elain Mellor, six times champion woman rider and due to retire this year; Jennie Goulding, who lost to Lester Piggott in a photo finish at Newmarket last year; and Yvonne Haynes, the Epsom trainer's daughter who rode a winner on her first ride, in 1978.

As professionals the US team of Abigail Fuller, Mariann Bogochow, Sandi Dimauro and Mary Ellen Hickey have a considerable advantage in experience. Miss Bogochow was the American champion woman rider last year with 110 winners, and Miss Hickey has a career-total of more than 300 victories.

Jennie Goulding, secretary to Barosley trainer Steve Norton, said yesterday: "The Americans have a very strong team but I'm sure we will put up a good fight. I'm especially pleased that the event is being staged in the North."

Britain's team to take on the Americans at York in June—left to right, Elain Mellor, Maxine Juster, Jennie Goulding, Yvonne Haynes, Geraldine Rees and Gay Arber.

Gundreda boosts Brittain's hopes

GUNDREDA encouraged Clive Brittain's hopes of landing the 1,000 Guineas for the second consecutive season when getting the Newmarket trainer off the mark for the year in yesterday's Sunstar Stakes at Nottingham.

Gundreda has been working with Happy Hannah, High Tech Girl and Glory of Hera, three of Brittain's hopes for this season's Newmarket classic.

Pebbles, who gave Brittain his first victory in the Newmarket race last season, is still in training and has Royal Ascot's Prince of Wales Stakes and Sandown Park's Eclipse has her main targets.

Yesterday, looking very fit, Gundreda revelled in the soft ground and turned the race into a procession as she came home six lengths clear of Eve Flasher in the hands of Willie Carson.

O'Gorman's first

Bill O'Gorman was another Newmarket trainer to open his account when Nasib, beaten 10 lengths by Beau Diamond at Doncaster a week ago, turned the tables on that rival and won the Manna Stakes by one and a half lengths.

David Arbuthnot, who moved stables last week to Compton in Berkshire, next door to where the 100-1 1967 Grand National winner Foinavon was trained, scored with his first runner from his new yard when Folkland landed the Call Boy Handicap.

Folkland had won a three-mile hurdle at Chepstow a fortnight ago and yesterday made her fitness tell when taking command two furlongs out to beat Quiet Country by a length and a half, with the favourite, Ribbons of Blue, in third place.

Mick Easterby, who was running from the stands to greet Mr Snugfit as Last Suspect passed his gelding on the run-in in Saturday's Grand National, missed seeing Shiela Crockatt gain the stable's first success on the Flat this season in the Felstead Handicap.

Easterby had stayed at home to appear with Mr Snugfit in front of Yorkshire TV cameras.

Course Notes & Hints

NATIVE IS DAY'S BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

NATIVE SKIER*, who won on his debut at Yarmouth in June, is fancied to make a winning reappearance in the Headingley Stakes (3.30) at Nottingham today.

Clive Brittain's colt followed up by finishing third to the smart Primo Dominie and Star Video at Royal Ascot, but probably found Newmarket's seven furlongs too far when fourth to Pacific Mail next time.

Manhattan Boy may make the winner's enclosure at his 13th attempt in the Tavern Selling Stakes (2.30).

Jack's Island is expected to initiate a double for Brittain in the Lords Handicap (2.0) and Knight's Heir, a consistent performer last season, is fancied for the Trent Bridge Handicap (4.0).

Today's Point-to-Point

WEBBER BACK ON HIGH NOTE

Paul Webber, who rode two winners for the Baltimore banker Peter Thompson in Pennsylvania at the weekend, returns to domestic action today at the Heythrop, writes David Welch.

Webber made the US trip to give Priest's Rock, Thompson's Maryland Hunt Cup hope, the first of two preparatory runs in a point-to-point.

Priest's Rock, who won by half a length, needed the race but according to Paul "did it very nicely, and so far everything is going to plan." Webber completed his double in a mile-and-a-quarter flat race.

Today Webber partners Britway, the Mollington winner, in the Old Etonian and Old Harrovian race but they may be hard pressed to beat National Clover, Peter Greenall's mount.

Heythrop (Heythrop, 3m NE Chipping Norton) 2 p.m.
Dunsdale (Lockerbie, 2m W town), 2.

EMERGENCY PLAN

In view of possible postal delays, the Jockey Club have arranged for trainers to make entries for races which close tomorrow by leaving them with the clerk of the scales at Nottingham racecourse before 3 p.m. today.

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are:
HAMILTON PARK.—None.
NOTTINGHAM: 3.0. Martian Baby; 4.0, Angelo Salvini.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

HAMILTON PARK: 2.15 Smokey Gem; 2.45 Foolish Touch; 3.15 Spigot Shaft; 3.45 Byrnes Girl; 4.15 Impecunidity; 4.45 Tactics.
NOTTINGHAM: 2.0 Prince Darius; 2.30 Manhatten Boy; 3.30 Kakiss; 4.0 Angelo Salvini (nap); 4.30 Regal Sam.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow is engaged today.

TODAY'S COURSE SPECIALISTS

NOTTINGHAM

Course Winners.—3.30 (6f): Phroon (5f), 4.00 (24mile) Princess Hesham (7m 1f 140y).

Leading Jockeys (since March 1980): Piggott 37, Carson 22, Duffield 22, W. R. Swinburn 19, Cauthen 17, Cook 16, Doherty 16, Mercer 15, Raymond 15, Ives 14, Baxter 13.

Trainers: Cecil 35, Stoute 23, Hobbs 14, A. Jarvis 14, Dunlop 13, H. T. Jones 12, Sutcliffe 10, Hollinshead 9, Brittain & Armstrong 8.

HAMILTON PARK PROGRAMME

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Smokey Gem	2.15—Smokey Gem
2.45—Tame Affair	2.45—Foolish Touch
3.15—Misha	3.15—Fan Club
3.45—Byrnes Girl	4.15—Nobilis
4.15—Crime Buster	4.45—Taelos
4.45—Millaine	

EFFECT OF DRAW: Middle to high numbers best up to 1m.
Advance official going: HEAVY

2.15: BROMISTA RUM HANDICAP 3-Y-O
Penalty Value £1,127 1m 5f (5 declared)

3 00201-0 Barchana Prince, G. M. Moore, 9-7 R. Lines (5) 2
4 04400-3 Smokey Gem, R. Hollinshead, 9-4 N. Carlisle 5
5 00000-0 Glen-Roy-Boy, K. Stone, 8-12 C. Dwyer 1
6 00100-0 Leprechaun Lady, S. Norton, 8-10 J. Lowe 4
8 00400-0 Famecheck, J. Wilson, 7-13 A. Woods (7) 3
8-P. FORECAST: 6-4 Smokey Gem, 2 Barchana Prince, 5 Leprechaun Lady, 6 Glen-Roy-Boy, 8 Famecheck.

2.45: GLENGOYNE MALT WHISKY QUAICH HANDICAP 3-Y-O £1,639 5f (4)

1 1250-32 Tame Affair (D) (BF), R. Stubbs, 9-7 G. Brown (7) 3
3 100-1 Foolish Touch (D), K. Stone, 9-5 (7lb ex) C. Dwyer 2
4 02140-4 Philip (BL) (CD), N. Tinkler, 8-13 L. Charnock 4
6 00000-4 Seab, J. Wilson, 7-9 ..... M. Fry 1
S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Foolish Touch, 7-4 Tame Affair, 5 Philip, 6 Seeb.

3.15: LANGS SUPREME SCOTCH WHISKY TROPHY HANDICAP £2,148 1m 40y (10)

1 0D34-00 Forlaurus, R. Stubbs, 4 9-13 G. Brown (7) 6
2 00-0459 Fan Club (C), C. Nelson, 4 9-11 S. Cauthen 9
6 0/000-05 Spigot Shaft (CD), Mrs C. Lloyd-Jones, 5 8-13 ..... — 8
9 00000-0 Qualitair Prince (CD), M. Ryan, 6 8-12 P. Robinson 5
11 433303- Reside, J. Wilson, 9 8-10 ..... C. Dwyer 1
15 01040-3 Prince Reviewer (CD), A. W. Jones, 7 8-1 J. Bleasdale 4
15 100300- Rossett, T. Craig, 6 8-1 ..... N. Carlisle 7
16 020000- Nattna-May, D. Moffat, 4 8-0 R. P. Elliott 2
17 0/0003-0 Bandore (BL), J. Moffatt, 6 7-12 A. Proud 3
18 04002-3 Misha, Capt. J. Wilson, 5 7-12 Julie Bowker (7) 10

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Fan Club, 7-2 Misha, 5 Prince Reviewer, 13-2 Spigot Shaft, 8 Forlaurus, 9 Qualitair Prince, 10 Reside, 16 others.

3.45: ZAREVICH VODKA SELLING STAKES
2-Y-O £527 5f (3)

1 0 Bimini Ridge, G. M. Moore, 8-11 R. P. Elliott 3
4 Byrnes Girl, J. Berry, 8-8 ... K. Darley 2
5 Quivering, N. Chamberlain, 8-8 J. Bleasdale 1
S.P. FORECAST: 4-6 Byrnes Girl, 3 Quivering, 100-30 Bimini Ridge.

4.15: BANANA RUM MAIDEN STAKES 3-Y-O
£751 1m 40y (7)

1 0- Crime Buster, C. Nelson, 9-0 S. Cauthen 5
3 00020-0 Hildeedeeboo, G. Moore, 9-0 R. Lines (5) 1
4 43000-3 Impecuniosity, J. Wilson, 9-0 C. Dwyer 4
7 004200- Our Lord, M. Jarvis, 9-0 ... F. Robinson 2
9 00- Miss Merley, J. Rowlands, 8-11 E. Guest (5) 7
10 033- Nobilis, W. Tinn, 8-11 ..... J. Lowe 3
11 Millaine, E. Incisa, 8-11 ..... O. Gray 6
S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Crime Buster, 3 Nobilis, 4 Our Lord, 9-2 Impecuniosity, 8 Hildeedeeboo, 14 others.

4.45: TOTTER HOME MAIDEN STAKES £892
1m 5f (12)

3 Breton Lad, R. Woodhouse, 4 9-0 C. Dwyer 8
5 00/ Grey Wonder, G. Richards, 5 9-0 M. Fry 4
6 000/0/0- Gun-Carriage, A. W. Jones, 5 9-0 J. Bleasdale 1
8 03000-4 Polymer (BL), M. Ryan, 4 9-0 P. Robinson 3
10 02300-0 Radwinter, J. Etherington, 4 9-0 M. Wood 2
13 230248- Tactos, A. Scott, 4 9-0 ..... J. Lowe 10
14 00/0000- Valorous, J. Kettlewell, 5 9-0 S. P. Griffiths (5) 9
15 00- Jiplapa, E. Incisa, 4 8-11 ..... O. Gray 7
16 L O Broadway, D. Moffat, 7 8-11 R. P. Elliott 6
17 Lovely Butterfly, M. Lambert, 4 8-11 D. Oldham 12
18 4100-0 Millaine, M. Jarvis, 4 8-11 ... S. Cauthen 11
20 Wonsellth, J. Rowlands, 4 8-11 E. Guest (5) 5
S.P. FORECAST: 2 Millaine, 3 Tactos, 5 Polymer, 13-2 Radwinter, 8 L O Broadway, Lovely Butterfly, 10 Grey Wonder, 16 others.

Seven-race card at Sedgefield

SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Onesadios	2.15—Monmouth
2.45—Hazy Day	2.45—Hazy Day
3.15—Secondary Image	3.15—Ivacop
3.45—The Drunken Duck	3.45—The Drunken Duck
4.15—Mr Perfect	4.15—Cleodoe Star
4.45—High Drop	4.45—Tot
5.15—Jimmy Martin	5.15—Jimmy Martin

Advance official going: SOFT

2.15: ROAD SHOW NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I)
Penalty Value £685 2m (18 declared)

1 010300 Shepherd's Hymn (D), T. Bill, 4 11-4 G. Williams (4)
4 00- Ark Invader, Mrs A. Hamilton, 6 11-0 B. Storey
8 003 Escapist, N. Waggott, 6 11-0 Miss T. Waggott (7)
14 2 Mammouth, T. Caldwell, 7 11-0 P. Caldwell (7)
15 PP0-0P No Certificate, J. Jordan, 5 11-0 G. Martin (7)
16 00-3 Onesallos, C. Tinkler, 5 11-0 ..... A. Stringer
21 P000 Retribution, T. Craig, 6 11-0 ..... S. Charlton
25 Fairy Dean, C. Parker, 5 10-9 M. Barnes
29 Pellonia, A. Fisher, 6 10-9 D. Fisher (4)
30 4440 Wind Chimes, J. FitzGerald, 6 10-9 M. Dwyer
31 0000 Bren Gunner, H. Fleming, 4 10-8 M. Pepper
33 05200 Caminonage, E. Carter, 4 10-8 P. A. Charlton
35 000 Mark's Choice, V. Thompson, 4 10-8 Mr M. Thompson (7)
37 002 Roseman, J. Leigh, 4 10-8 P. Blackburn (4)
39 000 Strunsky, C. Tinkler, 4 10-8 ... R. O'Leary
40 Sonny One Shine, R. Allan, 4 10-8 J. K. Kinane
42 0000 Stanley, M. Ellerby, 4 10-8 Mr R. Morley
44 F0 Lemon Squash, C. Thornton, 4 10-5 D. Wilkinson
S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Monmouth, 4 Wind Chimes, 5 Shepherd's Hymn, 7-2 Onesallos, Caminonage, 10 Roseman, 12 others.

2.45: SPRING NOVICES' 'CHASE (Div. I) £1,162
3m 600y (14)

1 045040 Caldwell Case, R. Swiers, 10 11-12 Mr S. Swiers (7)
2 33221P Hazy Day (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-12 K. Jones
3 03P21F Misty Spirit, D. Lee, 6 11-12 A. Stringer
4 23F4/4 On Leave (C), A. Scott, 8 11-12 C. Grant
5 1-0013U Solares (CD) (BF), J. Berry, 5 11-5 P. Tuck
15 500UP0 Maracas Bay (BL), N. Waggott, 6 11-2 G. Bradley
16 0/40FF Moon Gazer, V. Thompson, 7 11-2 Mr M. Thompson (7)
18 002003 Pan Royal (BF), T. Craig, 8 11-2 S. Charlton
22 00PP0-P Sharp Word, L. Jordan, 10 11-2 Mr T. Reed (4)
23 00/0024 Shirister Bayadere, J. Wade, 9 11-2 J. O'Gorman (7)
24 FP0U Spider Kelly, G. Richards, 7 11-2 D. Cooley (4)
25 0U-0353 Southbrooke Park, O. Brennan, 7 11-2 M. Brennan
29 F0F Gamewood, Mrs C. Clark, 7 10-11 C. Pimlott
32 00- Country Park, Mrs P. Stevens, 5 10-7 S. Keightley
S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Hazy Day, 3 Southbrooke Park, 9-2 Solares, 6 On Leave, 8 Misty Spirit, 12 Pen Royal, 16 others.

3.15: STEEL PROFILE HANDICAP 'CHASE
£1,529 2½m (14)

2 313013 Veiled City (C), F. Storey, 9 12-0 B. Storey
5 30/10-0P Misty Rascal, W. Crawford, 10 11-4 D. Cooley (4)
6 35F01U Meggies Dene (D), Miss M. Bennon, 9 11-1 (7lb ex) ... Mr T. Reed (4)
8 101311 Doll Lars (D), T. Bolgin, 9 10-11 A. Jones (4)
9 UP1-44F Good To See You, J. Parker, 7 10-7 D. Wilkinson
10 345021 Ivacop (D), Denys Smith, 6 10-9 ... C. Grant
11 0DE/0-4 Norton Cavalier, M. H. Easterby, 10 10-7 A. Brown
12 03-F400 Villierstown (D), J. Hanson, 6 10-6 C. Pimlott
13 41163/3P Super Solo, T. Craig, 9 10-6 S. Charlton
14 103-4P4 Coeur Vaillant (C), V. Thompson, 7 10-4 Mr M. Thompson (7)
17 130400 Tiernese, T. Bill, 7 10-1 .....
18 322251 Secondary Image (C), J. FitzGerald, 9 10-0 M. Dwyer
21 00-FP Spanish Battleship, Ron Thompson, 9 10-0 R. Balfour (5)
22 P-F0000 Dom Mancini, Lady Renwick, 10 10-0 Mr P. Dennis (7)
Tiernese non-runner, states trainer.
S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Secondary Image, 7-2 Ivacop, 5 Doll Lars, 8 Veiled City, 10 Meggies Dene, Norton Cavalier, Super Solo, 14 others.

3.45: SEDGEFIELD HUNTERS' 'CHASE
(Amateur Riders) £731 3m 600y (16)

1 1 Flash Deal, Mrs B. Yeadon, 8 12-2 ... —
2 PP-F412 The Drunken Duck, G. Richards, 12 11-12 A. Fowler
5 0000F/P- Charlie's Choice, Mrs F. Gray, 12 11-7 —
6 2 Coulters Candy (BL), D. McGarva, 6 11-7 S. Cunningham (7)
7 3005 Cri de Grace, A. Nicholson, 10 11-7 R. Nicholson (7)
8 05/PF-PP Gallcum, Mrs T. Donaldson, 8 11-7 J. Walton
10 0/004-U0 His Reverence (BL), B. Powell, 9 11-7 J. Scott (7)
11 Keep Dreaming, L. Crosthwaite, 8 11-7 Miss J. Morton (7)
13 34/F145 Lombardy Star, M. H. Easterby, 8 11-7 T. Easterby
15 4F0F3-3 Offstroc, V. Thompson, 7 11-7 M. Thompson (7)
16 3- Political Whip, R. Brader, 7 11-7 T. Walford
17 034/44F- Habitski, J. Hellens, 10 11-7 T. Reed (4)
18 FP00/U0- Ralpipla, Mrs K. Ratcliffe, 10 11-7 Mr C. Ratcliffe (7)
19 F/000FR- Red Gem (BL), C. Pickering, 9 11-7 C. Pickering (7)
21 P-Vulgans Gazette, W. A. Stephenson, 7 11-7 F. J. Dun
23 0P Miss Withers, R. Taylor, 11 11-5 ..... —
Flask Deal and Charlie's Choice non-runners, state trainers
S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 The Drunken Duck, 11-4 Lombardy Star, 9-2 Coulters Candy, 6 Offstroc, 8 Vulgans Gazette, 12 Political Whip, 14 others.

4.15: ROAD SHOW NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £666 2m (18)

1 0/0000-1 Cleodoe Star (C), Mrs G. Reveley, 6 11-5 Mr T. Reed (4)
3 Associate, Miss J. Atkinson, 6 11-0 A. Charlton (7)
6 0000 Castle Official, J. Hanson, 7 11-0 C. Pimlott
7 0- Chekika, C. Parker, 5 11-0 ..... M. Barnes
8 000 Easter Brig, G. Richards, 5 11-0 J. K. Kinane
10 PP Highway Gold, J. Alder, 8 11-0 Mrs V. Jackson (4)
13 3-22304 Mr Perfect, B. Wilkinson, 6 11-0 Mr G. Harker (4)
14 Murton, R. arr, 6 11-0 Mr M. Sowersby (7)
16 00 Portside, J. FitzGerald, 5 11-0 ... M. Dwyer
18 P0 Andantine, E. Heseltine, 6 10-9 Jayne Thompson (7)
19 Galloping Guyzance, Lady Renwick, 6 10-9 C. Grant
21 Runaces, T. Knox, 5 10-9 ... Mr S. Redfern
22 P Steadbally Move, J. Wade, 6 10-9 Mr J. Wade
23 U Ashbender, Mrs A. Hamilton, 4 10-9 R. Dods
24 Friston Flyer, W. Clarke, 4 10-8 Mr F. Dennis (7)
26 0000 Pershing, J. Leigh, 4 10-8 ..... J. Barlow
27 Sea-Bed, Mrs C. Postlethwaite, 4 10-8 P. A. Charlton
28 010030 Uncle Oliver (CD), V. Thompson, 4 10-8 Mr M. Thompson (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Mr Perfect, 7-2 Cleodoe, 5 Portside, 7 Uncle Oliver, 8 Ashbender, 10 Easter Brig, 14 Castle Official, 16 others.

4.45: ACROPOLA HANDICAP HURDLE £1,139
2½m (22)

1 240000 Mr Demetop (CD), F. Musgrave, 7 12-7 Mr P. J. Dun
3 P4-0000 Anantico, J. Hanson, 7 11-4 ..... C. Pimlott
5 003041 Lone Raider (D), J. L. Harris, 5 11-0 (7lb ex) ... J. A. Harris
7 301241 Tot. Denys Smith, 5 10-13 D. Thompson (7)
8 120-004 Lady Tot (C) (D), T. Bill, 5 10-11 G. Williams (4)
9 420F Auld Lang Syne, J. Jefferson, 6 10-9 M. Hill (7)
10 4F352-30 Little Harry (D), P. Calver, 8 10-9 C. Grant
11 000483 High Drop, F. Storey, 5 10-8 ..... B. Storey
13 0U-F0P0 Jake Box Jimmy (BL), J. Doyle, 7 10-7 M. Brennan
15 2U3022 Holly Buoy (BF), Mrs G. Reveley, 5 10-6 Mr G. Harker (4)
14 020/P0F Sharp Tor, M. W. Easterby, 7 10-3 P. Tuck
15 0012/42- Miss Gallant (C), T. Barnes, 6 10-3 M. Barnes
16 14-0003 Mountaineer (D), J. Leigh, 6 10-3 J. Barlow
18 0000-00 Twice Lucky, F. Gibson, 6, 10-0 S. Charlton
19 00P-000 Fair City (C), F. Gibson, 8 10-0 Dale McKeowns (7)
20 320200 Greenacres Joy, S. Avery, 5 10-0 C. McElvitrick (4)
21 FP/0040 Always Linger, W. Elsey, 9 10-0 P. A. Charlton
22 918P/0-P Connector, D. Yeoman, 8 10-0 C. Rawkins
23 0/P2P- Golden Lane, T. Dalgetty, 11 10-0 ..... —
24 FBPPSP- Wilton Beacon (CD), J. Harris, 9 10-0 Vicki Harris (7)
25 0000-00 Lady Roneha, Mrs E. Adair, 8 10-0 Jayne Thompson (7)
26 00/P Maestro Gama, J. Twiddell, 6 10-0 Mr P. Gee (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 4 Tot, 5 High Drop, 6 Holly Buoy, 7 Sharp Tor, 8 Lone Raider, Mr Demetop, 10 Mountaineer, 12 Lady Tot, Greenacres Joy, 14 others.

5.15: SPRING NOVICES' 'CHASE (Div. II)
£1,162 3m 600y (15)

6 F00PF0 Auchencrive, A. Watson, 10 10-2 A. Stringer
7 3F5P02 Black Combe, R. Fisher, 7 10-2 L. D. Doyle
8 0334 Brockhurst Lad, Denys Smith, 7 10-2 C. Grant
11 50/0500 Jimmy Martin (BL) (BF), Mrs M. Dickinson, 8 11-2 ... G. Bradley
13 P- Just Billy, J. Alder, 8 10-2 Mrs V. Jackson (7)
15 P-4P0PP Kemps, N. Chamberlain, 7 11-2 S. Keightley
14 00/PFF0 Macbeth, T. Bill, 7 11-2 ... G. Williams (4)
17 42P433 Northern Knight, Ron Thompson, 8 11-2 R. Balfour (7)
19 2020P0 Ramna's Son, N. Waggott, 9 11-2 Miss T. Waggott (7)
20 0/0-000U Romanard, V. Thompson, 6 11-2 Mr M. Thompson (7)
21 3P/0-35F Rubesco, J. Aynsley, 11 11-2 ..... B. Storey
25 05-803F Telegraph Bank, G. Rendison, 8 11-2 F. A. Farrell (7)
31 F Wold Walk, Mrs C. Clark, 7 10-11 J. D. Davies (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Jimmy Martin, 11-4 Black Combe, 9-2 Brockhurst Lad, 11-2 Northern Knight, 10 Ramna's Son, 16 others.

Nottingham runners, riders and form guide

Racecard numbers shown on left. Figures before oblique stroke refer to pre-1984 form and before hyphen to 1984 form. Apprentices' allowance in brackets. C—course winner. D—distance. BF—beaten favourite. BL—blinkered. Draw for places on right.

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers slightly favoured up to 6f.

Advance official going: SOFT

2.0: LORDS HANDICAP 3-Y-O Penalty Value £1,318 1m 50y (15 declared)

1 01144-0 SHELLMAN (D, Sowerby), K. Stone, 9-7 ..... M. Birch 1
3 040021- PRINCE DARIUS (A, Duffield), C. Tinkler, 9-7 C. Sloers (7) 6
5 000- JACK'S ISLAND (H. King), C. Brittain, 9-6 ... W. Carson 15
6 000032- OWEN'S PRIDE (M. Brittain), M. Brittain, 9-5 ... S. Coogan 8
5 00300- MASTER JOHNY (Mrs M. Charalambous), M. Francis, 9-2 Paul Eddery 2
6 200440- EDWINS' PRINCESS (V. Randell), K. Ivory, 9-0 R. Cochrane 14
8 020-0 HEAD UP (M. Murphy), P. Brookshaw, 8-5 ..... W. Ryan (5) 9
9 203440- ITS MY TURN (A. Whiteley), J. Hollinshead, 8-5 ..... P. Hill (7) 4
11 0000- HYPERWASH (F. Holland), W. Holden, 8-2 ..... M. Miller 12
13 001000- TAYLORS RENOVATION (Taylors of Soham Ltd), D. Leslie, 8-2 ..... M. Rimmer 3
15 0000F-0 PARIS TRADER (G. Shonfeld), M. W. Easterby, 8-1 ... P. Cook 10
14 0040-4 SONOFEVE (F. Swan), Mrs N. Macauley, 7-11 A. Mackay 5
15 /01400- CAROLYNCHRISTENSEN (Roldvale Ltd), N. Callaghan, 7-11 M. L. Thomas 7
16 000-0 TUTBURY (G. Adshead), W. Wharton, 7-8 ..... R. Fox 11
17 00200-0 IRELAND GIRL (C. Werbi), K. Ivory, 7-7 D. Fowler-Wright (7) 13
S.P. FORECAST: 9-2 Shellman, 11-2 Prince Darius, 6 Edwin's Princess, 7 Owen's Pride, 8 Carolynchristensen, 10 Master Johny, Jack's Island, 12 Its My Turn, Head Up, Taylor's Renovation, 16 others.

1984: Dealt 8-2 G. Duffield J. Toller, 13 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Prince Darius beat Rest and Welcome (rec 3lb) by ¾l at Doncaster (6f) Nov 9 (soft going). Owen's Pride was beaten 3l by Dastour (level) at Newcastle (6f) Oct 3 (good to soft). Somefave was beaten 11l when 4th to Geraghty of Course (level) at Doncaster (1m) Mar 22 with Paris Trader 4th to Geraghty of Course (level) at Doncaster (1m) Mar 22 with Paris Trader 4th to Geraghty of Course (level) at Doncaster (1m) Mar 22 with Paris Trader (rec 5lb) a further ½l 5th and Tutbury (level) a further ¾l 6th (good to soft). Shellman was 14th of 15 to Christian Schad (gave 22lb) at Doncaster (7f) Mar 23 (soft). Edwin's Princess was 7th of 8 to Mirmikan (gave 22lb) at Sandown (5f) Sep 28 (good). Carolynchristensen was beaten 6¼l when 6th of 7 to Kap Dancer (level) at Newmarket (7f) Oct 20 (good). Jack's Island was not in (gave 20lb) at Windsor (6f) Aug 20 (good to firm). Head Up was 11th of 28 to Kala Dancer (level) at Newmarket (7f) Oct 5 (good to soft). Master Johny was beaten 12l when last of 5 to April Fool (gave 6lb) at Windsor (6f) Aug 13 (good to firm).

PRINCE DARIUS may beat Owen's Pride.

2.30: TAVERN SELLING STAKES 3-Y-O £693 1¼m (6)

1 013100- FRENCH EMPEROR (Mrs J. Cripps), M. Haynes, 9-7 ..... I. Jenkinson 1
3 002000- HI-TECH BOY (Intereraft), W. Musson, 8-11 ... P. Eddery 2
5 002000- JARSULA (W. Forsyth), W. Wharton, 8-11 W. Wharton 4
4 00400-2 JARSULA (W. Forsyth), W. Wharton, 8-11 W. Wharton 4
5 003023- MANHATTAN BOY (Mrs M. Goodman), C. Tinkler, 8-11 M. Birch 5
6 000- FAR SEVVY (Mrs A. Tompkins), M. Tompkins, 8-11 R. Curant 6
9 0- YOUNG APRIL (T. Kelso), W. Hamb, 8-11 ... S. Webster 9
S.P. FORECAST: 2 Jarsula, 5-2 French Emperor, 3 Manhattan Boy, 5 Hi-Tech Boy, 10 Far Sevvy, 16 Young April.

1984: Socher 8-10 N. Day 14-1 C. Spares, 13 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Jarsula was beaten 3l by Kiev (gave 27lb) at Leicester (1m) Mar 25 (heavy). Manhattan Boy was beaten 2l, hd when 3rd to Topsoil (rec 9lb) at Doncaster (1m) Oct 26 with Jarsula (rec 8lb) a further 3½l 6th (good to soft). French Emperor was 13th of 16 to Sea Fever Lake (rec 2lb) at Bath (1m 8y) Sep 24 (good). Hi-Tech Boy was not in first 9 of 19 to Tickle Bender (gave 23lb) at Newmarket (7f) Oct 20 (good). Far Sevvy was 8th of 11 to Main Reason (level) at Lingfield (7f) Oct 29 (heavy). Young April was last of 11 to Reason (level) at Redcar (7f) Aug 1 (good to firm).

Malik Prince (rec 4lb) at Redcar (7f) Aug 1 (good to firm).

MANHATTAN BOY may confirm Oct 26 form with Jarsula.

3.0: OVAL MAIDEN STAKES 3-Y-O £1,328 1¼m (14)

1 000- BOGAZKOY (K. Raspini), W. Wharton, 9-0 ..... W. Wharton 10
2 0- BOOM PATROL (W. Pritchard-Gordon), G. Pritchard-Gordon, 9-0 ..... G. Duffield 6
3 00- BUSTER JO (E. Moller), G. Wragg, 9-0 ..... P. Eddery 13
4 00- BUSTER JO (E. Moller), G. Wragg, 9-0 ..... P. Eddery 13
5 000- CABALISTIC (Mrs J. de Rothschild), B. Hobbs, 9-0 G. Baxter 14
6 0- CHASING THE DRAGON (Skelhorn Ltd), D. Ringer, 9-0 P. D'Arcy 11
7 002- DON RUNI (K. Spindler), D. Morley, 9-0 ..... N. Crowther 5
8 000- EMPIRE SANDS (M. Hollis), B. Wilkinson, 9-0 ..... M. Wood 8
9 00- MARTIAN BABY (BL) (Mrs J. Dacre), C. Brittain, 9-0 W. Carson 12
11 MOULKINS (E. Moller), G. Wragg, 9-0 ..... J. Reid 4
12 PRESIDENTIAL (W. Ali), D. Sasse, 9-0 ..... T. Ives 7
15 SKI FANTASY (C. Tan), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ..... B. Raymond 1
16 000- SKI FANTASY (C. Tan), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ..... B. Rouse 9
17 00- TANGIER STAR (Sheikh R. Al Khalifa), C. Benstead, 9-0 E. Johnson 2
18 00- TAYIADS (Silver UK Ltd), C. Nelson, 9-0 ..... W. R. Swinburn 3
19 THE PRUDENT PRINCE (J. Gretcham), W. Jarvis, 9-0 S. Cauthen

Soccer

STALE IDEAS IN GOVERNMENT'S ACTION CALL

By DONALD SAUNDERS

THE MUCH-HERALDED meeting between Government and English soccer representatives, at Downing Street yesterday, failed to produce one single new idea that might lead to a more successful campaign against hooliganism.

Over the years, the six points on which the Prime Minister has asked the F A and the League for an early report have been discussed—some on many occasions — by the two authorities separately, together and at meetings with Ministers for Sport.

The only encouragement to be derived from yesterday's talks is that Mrs Thatcher has made it clear she wants action—now.

That may cause greater concentration of the minds of soccer administrators and Government ministers on a difficult problem both political parties have been trying to sweep under the carpet for far too long.

Effective action

Let us hope that, in particular, early progress is made towards altering the F A's Rule 31, under which at present, clubs are obliged to take "all reasonable precautions" to prevent crowd trouble. That clause must be strengthened to force effective action.

No doubt, the F A would be more willing to do so, if the Government promised an adjustment to the appropriate laws that would remove fears of crippling legal costs, defending a succession of actions claiming restriction of trade.

Clubs, too, might have co-operated less reluctantly with ground improvement schemes, had the Government shown the slightest inclination to help through their V A T and general taxation policies.

Moreover, it is high time the Home Office went out and about on Saturday afternoons and mid-week evenings. They might then cease claiming that the present laws constitute an adequate deterrent to hooliganism.

Wreak havoc

As long as young thugs take only a slight risk of losing their liberty, for a few months, or paying a fine of a few hundred pounds, they will continue to wreck trains, rampage through the streets, wreak havoc in the shops, beat up old ladies and wage gang warfare in football grounds.

The laws governing such serious disorder need changing as radically as the F.A.'s Rule 31.

Until that is fully understood, in Whitehall and Westminster, any action soccer takes itself will be largely ineffective.

Main points

- Installation of improved fencing at grounds.
- Installation of closed-circuit television cameras at First and Second Division grounds.
- An investigation, to be completed within six weeks, into the feasibility of club membership card schemes.
- An increase in the number of all-ticket matches.
- More "family" enclosures at grounds.
- An examination of the F A Rule 31, which states that clubs must take "all reasonable precautions" to prevent crowd trouble.

LUTON'S TESTING METTLE

By MICHAEL CALVIN

LUTON are poised to discover whether they possess the resilience to retain their First Division status.

Successive home victories over Queens Park Rangers and Ipswich have provided a timely fillip, but David Pleat, their manager, is aware of the importance of a resolute performance at Southampton tonight.

Confirming that Ricky Hill and Peter Nicholas will be fit to play in an unchanged team, he said: "The signs are encouraging—but this is the stage of the season at which we must show our character."

Coventry, who play Luton at Highfield Road on Saturday, had only four first-team players training yesterday because of illness and injury.

Fitness test

But the events at Watford tonight will have more immediate implications in the relegation struggle.

West Ham await a lat fitness test on Geoff Pike, who sustained a groin injury in Saturday's important win at Nottingham Forest.

Although Kevin Sheedy, Everton's influential midfield player, trained yesterday, he is still unlikely to be risked in tomorrow's critical match against Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane.

Crystal Palace, whose board are primed to reject a £2 million offer for their Selhurst Park ground, have dropped Gary Locke and Jerry Murphy for the visit of Brighton.

Southend, another troubled club, survived a petition to wind them up in the High Court when they reached agreement with creditors over debts of £55,000.

But Bobby Roberts, sacked by Wrexham a fortnight ago, is prepared to be Bill Asprey's unpaid assistant at Stoke until the end of the season.

McLAUGHLIN RETURN

Joe McLaughlin, Chelsea's central defender who dislocated his elbow against Sunderland in the Milk Cup semi-final on Feb. 13, makes his come-back in the reserves against Charlton at Stamford Bridge today.

Geoff Pike, the West Ham player, who must prove his fitness to earn a place in the team to play Watford tonight.

Bayern on course for 'treble'

BAYERN MUNICH, who share Everton's vision of a treble, are similarly stimulated by the prospect of a pressurised climax to the season, writes Michael Calvin.

UPS AND DOWNS OF 'CASUALS'

By NEIL SCOTT

CORINTHIAN CASUALS are alive and well and planning to make their mark again in the sport they have adorned as the archetypal true-blue amateurs for over 100 years.

They came close to extinction in August when the Isthmian League, of which Casuals were founder-members in 1905, dropped them because their new ground had no lights and needed improvements to other facilities.

Casuals, a nomadic club which had no previous ground, were already in turmoil after losing their manager, Billy Smith, and all but one first-team player to Dulwich.

They chose a new manager, Johnny Johnson, signed more players—including some from Dulwich—and planned to stay active with friendly fixtures.

Hard time

Three days before the season started, they accepted a place in the London Spartan League, but Mr Johnson left in December and his successor, John Langford, has had a hard time.

Casuals have only four wins in 24 League games, but their young team—average age, 21—won 5-1 at Edgware on Saturday and are confident of avoiding relegation.

Mark Caswell, the Casuals' secretary, is also optimistic about prospects of the club winning a planning appeal for lights at their Wimbledon Park ground.

With five teams in action and non-playing membership at a record 3,000, Casuals are very much alive and kicking.

CHELSEA'S PLAN

Chelsea have made their home match against Tottenham on April 27, all-ticket with an 11.30 a.m. kick-off and the capacity fixed at 43,980. All seats have been sold.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated.

DIVISION I

Southampton v Luton
Watford v West Ham (7.45)

DIVISION II

Barnsley v Oxford
C. Palace v Brighton (7.45)
Notts Co. v Portsmouth

DIVISION III

Bristol R. v Lincoln (7.45)
Cambridge v Gillingham
Hull v Bolton
Newport v Burnley
Walsall v Bradford
York v Orient

DIVISION IV

Aldershot v Halifax
Blackpool v Chesterfield
Colchester v Scunthorpe
Darlington v Southend
Peterborough v Northampton
Wrexham v Crewe

SCOTTISH LGE.—Premier Div: Hearts v Hibernians; St Mirren v Morton. Div. 1: Brechin v Partick. Div. 2: Albion R. v Raith.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY.—2nd Rd: Bury v Wigan.

WELSH CUP.—Semi-Final, 1st Leg: Swansea v Shrewsbury.

GOLA LGE.—Runcorn v Wealdstone; Telford Utd v Enfield.

SOUTHERN LGE.—Premier Div: Crawley v AP Leamington; Fisher v Bridgewater v Cheltenham.

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 1: Man City v Newcastle (6.45); Sheff Wed v Coventry (7). Div. 2: Burnley v Doncaster (7).

SERVOWARM INTHMIAN LGE.—Premier Div: Barking v Windsor; Bo's Stortford v Billericay; Hendon v Bognor (7.45); Harlow v Wembley; Harrow v Hayes; Wokingham v Dulwich; Worthing v Barlow; Wycombe v Carshalton. Div. 1: Aveley v Basildon; Farnboro. v Met Police; Oxford C v Boreham Wd; Staines v Clapton; Tilbury v Kingsmeian; Woking v Leatherhead. Div. 2: Hornch: Barton v Stevenage; Epping v N. Walden; Finchley v Berkhamsted; Hayes & Yeading v Hertford; Hertingfordbury v Chesham; Hoddesdon v Burnham; Leighton Buzzard v Flackwell; Newton v Hesbridge. Div. 3 South: Eastbourne Utd v Banstead; Grays v Feltham; Horsham v Camberley; Peterfield v Epham.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Arsenal v Southampton (7); Chelsea v Charlton (2.15); Fulham v Tottenham (2); Luton v Swindon (2); Millwall v Swansea (2); West Ham v Bristol R. (2.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LGE.—Buxton v Worksop; Chorley v Southport; Matlock v Bangor. Cup. Semi-Final, 2nd Leg: Goole v Grantham. President's Cup, semi-Final, 2nd Leg: South Liverpool v Macclesfield.

GT MILLS WESTERN LGE.—Premier Div.: Clandown v Bristol C. (7.45).

SOMERSET PROF. CUP.—Final, 1st Leg: Bath v Yeovil.

EASTERN COUNTIES LGE.—Braintree v Newmarket; Colchester v Harwich.

HERTS SENIOR CUP.—Semi-final: Barnet v Letchworth.

F.A. YOUTH CUP.—Semi-final, 2nd Leg: Birmingham v Newcastle (5).

BUSH TMENT (Cardiff).—Cambridge v Oxford (10.45); N Ireland v London (11.30); Wales v UAU I (3.45); Scotland v UAU II (3.30).

ESFA FESTIVALS.—Skemess: Oakham; Jersey.

RUGBY UNION.—BOE Southern Merit Table: Hsh Wycombe v Stamps.

RUGBY LGE.—Slalom Lager Cup: Bradford N v Wigan.

Weekend Pools Guide

Compiled by TREVOR WILLIAMSON

SELECTIONS

TREBLE CHANCE (Home teams).—Aston Villa, Coventry, Newcastle, Barnsley, Notts Co., Oldham, Derby, Lincoln, Mansfield, Tranmere, Wrexham, St. Mirren.

DRAWS.—Derby, Coventry, Barnsley, Notts Co., Mansfield, Tranmere.

AWAYS.—Liverpool, Spurs, Shrewsbury, Bradford, Blackpool, Scunthorpe.

HOMES.—Chelsea, Everton, Man. Utd, Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers, Burnley, Reading, Rotherham, Crewe, Port Vale.

FIXED ODDS.—Homes: Chelsea, Portsmouth, Burnley, Crewe, Dundee Utd. Aways: Bradford, Blackpool, Aberdeen. Draws: Coventry, Mansfield, St. Mirren.

SEQUENCES

GAMES SINCE DRAW

Coventry City	16
Hibernian	15
Walsall	14
Bristol City	12
Preston NE	12
Chelsea	10
Exeter City	10
Bolton Wand	9
Leicester City	9
Morton	9
Liverpool	7
St Mirren	7
Blackburn Rov	6
Bradford City	6
Chester	6
Chesterfield	6
Clyde	6
Halifax Town	6
Motherwell	6
Scunthorpe	6
Tottenham	6

SINCE HOME WIN

Wolverhampton	12
Mansfield Town	4
Bolton Wand	4

SINCE HOME DEFEAT

Kilmarnock	11
Dundee Utd	10
Port Vale	9
Everton	7
Derby County	5
Leeds United	5
Manchester Utd	5
Stockport	5

SINCE HOME DRAW

Charlton	8
Coventry	7
Airdrie	7
Bournemouth	7
Hartlepool	7
Preston NE	6
Chelsea	5
St Mirren	5

SINCE AWAY WIN

Stoke City	18
Merton	15
Cambridge	13
Swansea	13
Wigan Athletic	9
Crystal Palace	7
Huddersfield	6
Q.P.R.	6

SINCE AWAY DEFEAT

Liverpool	7
Newport Co	4
Tottenham	4

SINCE AWAY DRAW

Morton	17
Sunderland	12
Nottingham F	12
Southampton	11
Bradford City	10
Carlisle	9
Darlington	8
Hibernian	8
Hellfire Town	8
Walsall	8

FORM AT A GLANCE

Chart shows Cup, League Cup, League and Freight Rover games only with most recent matches on the right. W—win; L—defeat; S—score-draw; D—0-0.

Home Games Last Five — Last Five Away Games First

DIVISION I

W L W W S	Arsenal	Norwich	S L L S W I
W L D S W	A. Villa	Sheff. Wed.	S L L L D X
L W W L L	Chelsea	Q.P.R.	D D L L L 1
W L W W W	Coventry	Luton	W L S S L X
W W W S W	Everton	Sunderland	L L W W L 1
W W W L S	Ipswich	Nottm For.	W L W L W 2
W S L W W	Leicester	Liverpool	S S S W W 2
W W S W W	Man. Utd.	Stoke	D L L D L 1
L S W W L	Newcastle	W.B.A.	L L L D W X
W L S L W	Watford	Southampton	W W L W L 1
S W L W S	West Ham	Spurs	L S W W W 2

DIVISION II

W S L D W	Barnsley	Manch. City	W W W D L X
D W D L L	Cardiff	Oxford	L L S S D 2
L W L W W	Charlton	C. Palace	D S L S L 1
W D W D W	Leeds	Blackburn	W S L L L 2
L L S D W	Middlesbro'	Carlisle	L W L L L 1
D D L D W	Notts Co.	Wimbledon	W L L L D X
W S L W W	Oldham	Huddersfield	S L S D L X
L W W D L	Portsmouth	Brighton	W L L D L 1
S W W S W	Sheffield Utd.	Fulham	S L L W S 1
D L D L L	Wolves	Shrewsbury	D W L L L 2

DIVISION III

W D L L L	Bolton	Wigan	S L L L L 1
W W L W W	Bournemouth	Cambridge	L L S S L 1
L W W D L	Bristol Rov.	Brentford	L S L L L 1
S W L L D	Burnley	York	L L L S L 1
W S W W D	Derby	Gillingham	L S W S L X
S W S L L	Doncaster	Bradford	W W L L W 2
L W W W S	Hull	Millwall	W W L D W 1
W W L S W	Lincoln	Orient	S L S W W X
L W W W L	Preston	Walsall	L W L W L 2
W W L S W	Reading	Newport	L S W S W 1
S L D L W	Rotherham	Swansea	S D L D L 1

DIVISION IV

S W L W D	Crewe	Aldershot	S L L W L 1
L L W W L	Hartlepool	Halifax	L L L W L 1
S W W W L	Hereford	Colchester	D L L W S 1
W L S S D	Mansfield	Chesterfield	L W L W W X
W W W W D	Port Vale	Bury	W S L L S 1
S W L L L	Rochdale	Blackpool	L D W L L 2
W W W S L	Stockport	Scunthorpe	L S W D L 2
W D S D W	Torquay	Exeter	L L W L W 1
W D L W W	Tranmere	Darlington	W L W W L X
S S S L W	Wrexham	Chester	L S L W W X

SOUTHERN LEAGUE—Premier Division

L W W W W	Bedworth	Gravesend	D W D L S 2
W W W S S	Cheltenham	Shepshed	D W D L L 1
W L S W L	Corby	Gloucester	L W L L L 1
W L W L S	Crawley	Alvechurch	W W S L S 1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Premier Division

W L S W L	Dumbarton	Hibs	W L L L W 1
W W W D W	Dundee Utd.	Morton	L L L L L 2
S W W S L	Hearts	Celtic	W L D S W 2
W D L W L	Rangers	Aberdeen	W L S W W 3
W L W L W	St Mirren	Dundee	W W W L W X

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—Division 1

W W W L L	Airdrie	Forfar	W S L L L 1
L W D W W	Clyde	Brechin	W L W L L 2
S W D S W	Kilmarnock	Falkirk	W L W L L X
W L D L W	Meadowbank	Clydebank	S W D D L 2

Last night's results not included.

Football League & Scottish League tables

DIVISION I

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	30	10	3	2	34	15	9	3	3	24	18	63
Tottenham	31	12	3	1	47	15	6	4	5	23	15	60
Man Utd	32	10	4	2	36	20	7	4	5	21	16	59
Arsenal	34	11	4	2	32	11	6	5	6	22	21	58
Liverpl	31	8	4	3	32	11	6	5	5	22	14	51
Sheff W	32	8	4	4	31	18	6	3	7	19	19	49
Notts F	32	10	3	4	33	17	5	3	8	17	24	48
Stmpton	31	8	3	4	17	15	6	5	6	15	15	50
Chelsea	31	8	4	3	27	16	4	4	8	20	32	46
A Villa	33	8	6	3	25	16	4	4	8	20	32	46
Leicester	32	8	5	3	26	17	4	4	8	15	26	45
WBA	33	8	6	3	27	17	4	3	10	18	35	42
Norwich	30	9	4	3	26	17	4	3	8	15	26	41
QPR	33	8	6	3	31	17	3	5	9	20	30	41
Newcastle	33	8	4	4	27	19	3	5	9	20	41	38
W Ham	31	9	5	2	31	15	3	1	11	16	26	36
Watford	31	7	4	4	19	16	3	4	8	23	34	34
Sundrind	31	7	4	4	19	16	3	3	11	16	31	34
Coventry	31	8	3	4	25	16	2	3	11	17	35	32
Luton	30	7	5	3	27	17	2	3	10	9	25	32
Ipswich	32	7	3	5	24	18	1	4	10	9	27	31
Stoke	32	3	3	9	16	29	0	5	12	4	33	17

DIVISION III

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	34	14	4	1	39	15	9	4	4	21	19	70
Hull	36	13	3	2	34	13	6	8	4	25	24	68
Millwall	34	13	4	0	32	8	6	5	6	21	21	66
Bristol C	35	13	3	2	37	15	6	4	7	24	23	64
Gillingham	34	11	3	3	30	20	7	4	6	23	21	61
Rochdale	37	10	6	3	35	21	6	4	8	16	22	58
Walsall	34	8	6	3	30	14	8	3	6	23	24	57
Bristol R	34	11	3	3	35	15	5	5	9	23	30	56
Brentfrd	37	11	5	2	30	12	5	6	10	13	30	59
Reading	36	10	4	4	34	18	5	5	8	17	30	51
York	36	10	4	4	34	18	5	4	9	17	30	51
Derby	36	11	5	1	32	16	5	3	11	18	31	51
Doncaster	35	9	4	4	31	18	5	4	8	17	28	50
Newport	34	8	8	1	27	20	5	4	8	20	35	44
Plymth	36	9	4	5	30	20	4	5	9	20	46	44
Brentfrd	34	8	6	3	30	16	4	4	10	11	28	41
Lincoln	34	8	7	2	30	16	3	4	10	11	30	40
Bolton	34	10	4	3	35	16	2	3	12	16	38	40
Wigan	34	7	4	6	25	16	3	5	9	15	31	39
Burnley	34	7	4	6	29	23	3	4	10	16	35	38
Orient	34	7	5	5	24	19	3	3	11	17	35	38
Preston	36	7	4	7	25	23	3	3	12	15	35	37
Swansea	36	7	2	9	27	29	3	3	12	18	42	36
Cardiff	34	2	2	13	13	32	1	5	12	18	42	16

DIVISION II

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	34	12	3	1	44	12	11	1	3	33	11	50
Oxford	31	12	3	1	37	10	8	4	3	29	17	47
Birmingham	33	7	6	3	18	13	7	6	5	20	16	60
Blackbrn	33	10	5	2	33	16	7	5	4	21	17	59
Portsmth	33	10	5	3	32	18	5	5	6	20	21	58
Fulham	33	11	2	4	30	21	4	4	8	26	33	51
Shrewsbry	33	10	5	2	30	10	3	5	8	18	29	49
Hddrsfld	32	9	3	3	25	13	3	4	9	13	23	49
Grimsby	33	10	3	3	30	14	3	3	11	17	36	48
Barnsley	31	10	4	1	32	12	3	3	10	18	35	47
Wrmbldn	32	7	5	3	25	17	4	5	7	15	26	41
Carlisle	34	8	6	3	31	17	3	4	10	20	37	41
Oldham	34	8	6	3	32	19	4	3	10	20	41	39
Sheff U	33	7	5	5	30	21	3	5	9	16	26	38
Charlton	33	7	4	5	30	21	3	4	10	13	29	37
C Palace	31	5	6	5	20	21	3	4	9	15	29	31
Middlsbr	34	7	4	6	25	21	2	4	11	17	36	31
Notts Co	33	6	5	5	23	18	2	3	11	13	27	30
Wolves	33	4	4	8	21	25	3	4	10	15	36	29
Cardiff	33	3	3	10	17	35	3	4	10	21	33	25

CANON LEAGUE—Div. IV

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfld	36	11	5	1	35	12	7	5	4	21	19	70
Burr	36	12	4	1	36	14	6	5	7	25	26	69
Darlington	34	11	3	3	32	15	8	3	6	26	22	66
Blackpl	35	11	5	1	32	12	6	4	7	24	23	66
Hereford	34	13	3	1	37	10	5	5	7	18	23	62
Colchstr	35	11	4	3	34	18	5	4	8	16	22	62
Scunthrp	36	10	4	4	30	20	6	3	9	22	31	61
Crewe	36	9	6	3	35	21	6	4	8	17	26	61
Peterbro	35	11	3	3	35	14	4	6	10	17	30	60
Swindon	35	13	3	1	37	14	3	4	11	14	33	59
Tranmre	35	9	6	3	31	18	5	3	9	16	27	57
P Vale	34	9	4	4	31	18	5	3	9	17	28	55
Mansfld	34	10	5	2	31	16	4	3	10	17	28	50
Hartlepl	36	7	7	4	30	20	4	4	10	20	35	44
Southend	36	7	5	6	30	24	4	3	11	23	40	41
Exeter	36	8	5	5	30	21	3	3	12	15	46	41
Stockprt	35	10	5	2	31	16	2	3	12	11	28	40
Chester	33	6	6	5	21	16	3	5	8	16	27	38
Aldershot	35	6	6	5	21	16	3	4	10	16	30	37
Halifax	36	7	4	7	25	23	3	3	12	15	35	37
Torquay	36	7	5	6	31	24	2	4	12	15	35	35
Wrexham	36	6	5	7	21	20	3	4	11	15	31	35
Rochdle	36	7	4	7	25	23	3	3	12	15	35	37
Ntmptn	36	4	1	12	20	31	5	2	14	18	39	24

SCOTTISH LGE—Prem. Div.

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	31	12	3	1	44	12	11	1	3	33	11	50
Celtic	29	10	3	1	37	10	8	4	3	29	17	47
Dndee U	30	10	6	0	36	17	6	5	4	17	13	43
Rangers	30	8	6	1	24	17	7	4	4	21	20	38
Hearts	30	9	5	1	25	9	5	3	7	19	19	36
St Mirrn	30	7	5	3	17	17	6	4	6	22	23	34
Dundee	29	6	3	6	20	19	5	4	6	20	23	30
Dndrtn	29	4	4	7	17	23	3	4	6	20	23	26
Hibs	30	4	3	8	21	25	3	2	10	9	28	19
Morton	30	3	1	11	16	37	1	0	14	8	49	9

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. I

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	35	8	4	3	24	12	9	2	6	26	21	40
Clydbnk	32	11	1	4	38	20	5	5	6	21	19	38
Falkirk	32	7	5	4	24	20	5	6	5	23	19	35
Forfar	32	7	3	6	23	23	6	4	6	20	20	34
Clyde	32	7	3	6	23	23	5	5	6	20	20	32
Brechin	32	7	3	6	23	23	5	4	7	17	19	31
Hamilin	33	6	5	5	19	21	5	5	6	20	24	32
E Fife	32	6	5	5	26	26	5	6	4	24	24	32
Ayr	33	7	4	6	23	21	4	5	7	16	20	31
Partick	31	6	5	4	23	18	5	3	7	18	23	30
Kilmrnck	31	6	5	4	18	16	4	3	8	13	23	28
Meadwbk	32	5	4	7	18	25	4	3	9	18	31	25
St Johnstn	32	4	4	8	20	25	5	1	10	24	35	23

SCOTTISH LGE—Div. II

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	32	9	4	3	28	14	9	6	3	23	15	44
Montrse	32	10	3	3	26	16	8	3	5	24	18	44
Dnfrmln	32	8	5	3	28	16	8	3	5	24	15	40
Stirlngm	32	7	5	4	23	16	6	5	5	24	19	36
Cowdnbth	32	7	5	4	20	16	6	5	5	24	19	35
Stirlng A	32	7	5	4	20	16	6	4	6	24	19	35
Stranrer	31	6	4	5	20	16	6	4	6	20	19	32
Perth	31	6	4	5	21	17	5	4	6	24	23	30
Dunc Pk	32	6	4	6	22	21	5	3	8	24	31	29
Qun o' S	32	6	4	6	21	21	5	3	8	24	31	29
Berwick	32	6	4	6	21	21	5	3	8	24	31	29
E Stirlng	32	6	4	6	21	20	5	3	8	24	31	29
Alfrsn R	32	6	4	6	21	20	5	3	8	24	31	29
Abroath	32	4	4	8	15	25	3	2	11	12	34	20

CANON LEAGUE—Div. IV

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chesterfld	36	11	5	1	35	12	7	5	4	21	19	70
Burr	36	12	4	1	36	14	6	5	7	25	26	69
Darlington	34	11	3	3	32	15	8	3	6	26	22	66
Blackpl	35	11	5	1	32	12	6	4	7	24	23	66
Hereford	34	13	3	1	37	10	5	5	7	18	23	62
Colchstr	35	11	4	3	34	18	5	4	8	16	22	62
Scunthrp	36	10	4	4	30	20	6	3	9	22	31	61
Crewe	36	9	6	3	35	21	6	4	8	17	26	61
Peterbro	35	11	3	3	35	14	4	6	10	17	30	60
Swindon	35	13	3	1	37	14	3	4	11	14	33	59
Tranmre	35	9	6	3	31	18	5	3	9	16	27	57
P Vale	34	9	4	4	31	18	5	3	9	17	28	55
Mansfld	34	10	5	2	31	16	4	3	10	17	28	50
Hartlepl	36	7	7	4	30	20	4	4	10	20	35	44
Southend	36	7	5	6	30	24	4	3	11	23	40	41
Exeter	36	8	5	5	30	21	3	3	12	15	46	41
Stockprt	35	10	5	2	31	16	2	3	12	11	28	40
Chester	33	6	6	5	21	16	3	5	8	16	27	38
Aldershot	35	6	6	5	21	16	3	4	10	16	30	37
Halifax	36	7	4	7	25	23	3	3	12	15	35	37
Torquay	36	7	5	6	31	24	2	4	12	15	35	35
Wrexham	36	6	5	7	21	20	3	4	11	15

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Boat Race—Saturday (2.45 p.m.)

WHITE HORSES TEST CREWS TO LIMIT

By GEOFFREY PAGE

CONDITIONS on the Tideway, yesterday, were far from good as the Boat Race crews began their final week of training. A strong, gusty wind combined with April showers to whip up white horses on the Putney Reach.

Oxford spent the weekend away from it all on the Isle of Wight, but Cambridge continued to have outings on both days, rowing 10 minutes on their own on Saturday and six minutes on Sunday, again unaccompanied.

Alan Inns expressed himself particularly satisfied with Saturday's performance, but was not so pleased when Cambridge underlined their reputation for being accident prone when they went through the Fuham arch of Putney Bridge at low tide and removed their fin on the river bottom.

They were fortunate to sustain no serious damage and it is to be hoped that this is the worst misfortune that Cambridge will suffer this year.

Light outing

Yesterday, they had a light outing in the morning, rowing short bursts of between 10 and 20 strokes, rating between 32 and 34 strokes a minute. The beat continued to travel well and the crew, as usual, were smooth and controlled.

In the afternoon, they rowed two short pieces with Goldie. In the first, from Chiswick Steps, they gave Goldie the outside of the bend but a start of 1½ lengths and were under orders to row at their race rate.

Starting at 28, they settled to 36, while Goldie rowed at 35-38. They went up steadily and when the crews hit the headwind at Hammersmith Bridge the heavier Cambridge crew drew away fast to finish 1½ lengths ahead after three minutes.

They then paddled down to the worst of the rough water before rowing for 2½ minutes from Beverley Brook. Goldie were given only ½-length start but Cambridge were level after half a minute, though they did not make much impression in the second minute.

They eventually finished with half a length of clear water, but had not travelled much faster after raising their rate to 36, which suggests that their best rate, at present, is about 34.

Oxford paddled up to Chiswick Bridge in the morning and came back from Mortlake in one piece of paddling with several bursts at full pressure, showing considerable power and with a good run to the boat.

In the afternoon, they took on a scratch eight of old Blues, all winning Boat Race oarsmen and including three past Presidents. They paddled up to Mortlake Church before turning and then rowed a two-minute piece from the Bandstand.

Oxford started level with the old Blues and did not gain significantly for the first 20 strokes, after which they went away fast at 36 to finish 2½ lengths ahead. They were then set to row three minutes from Chiswick Eyot.

Rough water

This time, Oxford gave the scratch crew a start of one length, but were half a length ahead after one minute and then, again at 36, went right away to finish some five lengths in front.

Topolski then set them to row a minute from Harrods into the teeth of the wind. The water was extremely rough but the crew handled it well. It was an impressive outing and the crew were clearly sharpening-up.

Today's outings: Oxford 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.c. (with London Univ); Cambridge 10 a.m. only.

SNOOKER

EMBASSY WORLD CH'SHIP (Preston).—2nd Qualif. Rd: S. Leadbetter (Blackburn) bt G. Cripsey (Kent) 10-8; R. Chaperon (Canada) bt S. Henwood (Ashford) 10-1; B. Newbury (Kent) bt M. Hughes (Manchester) 10-3; M. Hines (S. Africa) bt D. Osborn (Dublin) 10-4; G. Rhodes (Cheadle) bt B. Kelly (Manchester) 10-6.

3rd Qualif. Rd: W. Jones (Aberystwyth) bt J. Dunning (Leeds) 10-6; D. Fowler (Preston) bt C. Everton (Worcester) 10-2; F. Browne (Manchester) bt L. Anderson (Australia) 10-5; R. Feldman (Australia) bt B. Werbeniuk (Canada) 10-5; D. Chalmers (Peterborough) bt E. McLaughlin (Preston) 10-9.

BENSON & HEDGES IRISH MASTERS (Co. Kildare).—Final: J. White (Wimbledon) bt A. Higgins (Manchester) 9-5. Frames: 70-47, 66-45, 7-75, 60-35, 120-0, 53-72, 45-47, 12-66, 68-40, 57-44, 70-44, 18-100, 75-53, 91-35.

Volleyball

BELLSHILL SHOCK MURRAY

By VICTOR HEAD

IT has been a season of upsets in British volleyball, with none greater than the exit of the League champions, Murray International Metals, from the Royal Bank Scottish Cup.

They were beaten 3-1 in Saturday's semi-final by Bellshill Cardinals, who lost the first set 15-1 and saved four set points before taking the crucial third set, 18-16.

M I M will thus miss the final for the first time in 12 years, and Bellshill, in their first final, will play Volvo Trucks on May 5.

In the Women's Cup, the holders, **Telford**, gained revenge for losing their League title to **Team Scottish Farm**. Telford won 3-2 in the semi-final after Team Scottish Farm had taken the first two sets.

Hillingdon now seem assured of their fifth successive English Britvic Women's National League Championship, after beating Ashcombe, the League leaders, 3-1. The two clubs are equal on 30 points, with one game left, but Hillingdon have scored 48 sets to Ashcombe's 47.

The favourites for the men's title are still **Team Mizuno**, who did not play at the weekend. The Division Two champions are Newcastle (Staffs).

While Rob White (left) is teaming up with Jeremy Newman in the Hyeres regatta, David Campbell-James, his regular crew who is seen here with White, will be taking time off.

Women's Hockey

Late goal upsets Welsh hopes

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT in Buenos Aires

WALES lost the critical women's hockey Inter-continental Cup tie in Buenos Aires to Argentina by conceding a second goal in the dying seconds.

They lost 2-1 and, now placed third, two points below Japan and Argentina, now depend on opponents—mainly Japan, who meet Argentina today—to keep alive any hope of qualifying for the World Cup by reaching the Intercontinental Cup final.

Even if the free-scoring Japanese defeat the Argentinians, Wales will have to meet Japan tomorrow, and this is a vastly-different Japanese team from that which Wales beat 2-0 in Cardiff last November.

Wales took the lead against Argentina through Margaret Williams in the 10th minute. Although they tried to keep Argentina at bay, Wales allowed Liz to equalise 11 minutes later.

Tenacious defence

In a fraught second half, Wales defended tenaciously until Argentina's outstanding forward, Belmonte scored the winner.

Should Wales survive the next two days, the Soviet Union and South Korea, the dark horses, are in the other pool waiting for the cross-over matches before the finals.

GOAL SPREE FOR BARR

By NANCY TOMKINS

ENGLAND A won both matches on the first day of the British Universities women's hockey group tournament at Cardiff University yesterday.

Playing on Redgra twice, England A overran England B 4-0 and then beat Wales 2-1 after lunch.

Northern Ireland, who were defending the title, began with a convincing 4-0 defeat of Wales on the porous hard pitch, but then lost an early lead given to them by Shoidis to draw 1-1 with Scotland. Barbour converting a penalty-stroke for the Scots.

Conditions hampered skill, even on the hard surface, with heavy rain upsetting play. At stake are places in the B U S F representative team that will compete in the European Universities Hockey tournament at Loughborough next week.

Desperate need

The Universities, like clubs and most counties, desperately need artificial pitches. Until these become more common British hockey, and its reputation, will lag behind the rest of the world.

The wingers for England A contributed greatly to the side's success, Barr, a tireless right-wing hungry for goals, hit a hat-trick against England's second string and struck the penalty-corner equaliser against Wales.

Walford, England's left-wing, lacks Barr's force but possesses neat, delicate touches that confuse the opposition. Walford scored the winner against Wales, following in her own hard shot.

For Wales, Dixon put in an inspired run on the left using Thomas for a return pass before breaching England's line in a scramble. Afterwards, the Welsh keeper, Weekes, kept England out.

Saturated pitch

Northern Ireland beat England B with goals by Smeaton, Shoidis, Fusco and Gillan. But Scotland's defence on a saturated pitch in the afternoon proved more difficult to break down.

Shoidis again broke through for Ireland, and then, late in the game, a Scottish penalty-corner forced an infringement close in. Although Adams tried to parry the penalty stroke, it went behind her for the equaliser.

Northern Ireland 2, Wales 0 — England A 4, England B 0—Scotland 1. Combined London Oxford & Cambridge 1—Wales 1. England A 2—N. Ireland 1. Scotland 1—London & Oxford & Cambridge 1. England B 3.

WOMEN'S B.U.S.F. GROUP T'MENT (Univ. Coll., Cardiff).—N. Ireland 4, Wales 0—England A 4, England B 0—Scotland 1. London/Oxford/Cambridge 1—Wales 1. England A 2—N. Ireland 1. Scotland 1—London/Oxford/Cambridge 1. England B 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

ABBEY NATIONAL BRITISH U-19 & U-16 CH'SHIPS (Hartlow).—U-19 1st Rd: J. Clark (Wilts) bt J. Spencer (Kent) 9-2, 8-4, 9-7; S. Howe (Essex) bt C. Stone (Northants) 9-0, 9-2, 9-1; K. Pearce (Hants) bt T. Wren (Northants) 9-4, 9-3, 9-4; T. Clark (Cleveland) bt M. Robson (Berks) 9-0, 9-6, 9-5; N. Thompson (Kent) bt M. Aldright (Beds) 9-7, 9-3, 9-5, 9-6; R. Herrod (Warwicks) bt S. Doddridge (Berks) 10-8, 9-2, 9-1; D. Payne (Lancs) bt R. Kemper (Avon) 9-5, 9-1, 9-0; I. Dark (W. Glam) bt C. Ormiston (Hants) 9-5, 9-7, 9-4; M. Griffin (Hants) bt J. Lord (Yorks) 6-9, 10-8, 6-9, 9-7, 9-2; A. Norrish (Yorks) bt S. Bird (Cumbria) 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BADMINTON.—ESSA Inter-Counties U16 Ch'ships (Nottingham).
CANOEING.—Lowe Veteran Internat. WW Ch'ship (Bala, N. Wales, 9 & 1.30).
HOCKEY.—Civil Service Hancock & Lyons Cup Finals (Chiswick 2.30).
Women B.U.S.F. Group T'ment (University Coll., Cardiff, 10).
LAWN TENNIS.—Wetherall North of England Hard Court Ch'ships (Southport); Pyms-Rizal Junior U16 Hard Court Ch'ship (Bournemouth).
NETBALL.—Sport-Care Nat. League: Cheshire v Birmingham.
SPEEDWAY.—Challenge: Milton Keynes v Eastbourne, 17.30).
SQUASH RACKETS.—British U16 19 Closed T'ment (Marlow).

Athletics

ITV COVERAGE PROMISE

By KEN MAYS

INDEPENDENT television, who began their exclusive five-year coverage of British athletics yesterday, have promised that they will be bigger and better than whatever the B B C had to offer during their 20 years in control.

John Bromley, head of I T V sport, said: "We appreciate what the B B C did but we feel that we can offer something different and with more appeal."

Bromley said that ITV will be committed to the British scene with up to two hours of coverage from each major domestic meeting but they will also be deeply involved in overseas matches.

They are hoping that Joaqhim Cruz, the Olympic 800 metres champion, and Said Aquita, of Morocco, the Olympic 5,000 metres champion, will feature in races in Britain this season.

To help their coverage, which includes two former B B C radio men as the lead team — Alan Parry and Peter Matthews—I T V have signed Lynn Davies, the 1964 Olympic long jump gold medallist and former Great Britain team manager, to bolster their squad of commentators.

The British Amateur Athletics Board are to stage this year's women's world 15 kilometres road race championship at Gateshead on Nov. 3.

Yachting

BRITISH TEAM FOR HYERES

By TONY FAIRCHILD

ONLY Rob White and John Greenwood, of the last Olympic training squad, are among the young British team named for the international regatta at Hyeres, France, from April 21 to 28.

But with many other countries also expected to send inexperienced teams at the start of another Olympic campaign, there are some interesting newcomers with impressive credentials in the British squad.

Top of the list is Stuart Childerley, the reigning single-handed world youth champion, and one of the four-strong Royal Yachting Association squad chosen as Yachtsmen of the Year at the London Boat Show in January.

Childerley will be racing in the Finn class with Greenwood, who after notching a first and a third place in Hyeres races last year, will be anxious to show improvement this year.

Chance for Sproul

Kevin Sproul, a highly-rated young 470 helmsman from Scotland, and Stewart Teasdale, another Scottish 470 skipper, could also excel. So too could White, teaming for a time with Jeremy Newman, while David Campbell-James, his regular Tornado crew, takes time off.

TEAM.—Boards: S. Blake, N. Buckley, Miss P. Way. Finns: N. Berven, A. Brunton, C. Childerley, J. Greenwood, R. McMillan. 470s: R. Boardman, I. Brewer, D. Smith-White, K. Sproul, S. Teasdale. Flying Dutchman: R. Freeman. Solings: I. Walbank. Tornadoes: L. Grey, R. White.

Farther afield, meanwhile, Peter Isler, new helmsman to the Courageous (United States) America's Cup group, was the convincing winner at the weekend of the match-racing series in Bermuda for the King Edward VII Gold Cup.

The trophy, first competed for in 1937 when won by Briggs Cunningham—first skipper of a 12-metre winner of the America's Cup—has been draced for non-stop since 1950, and is the oldest match-racing prize in the world for competition involving one-design yachts.

Denied hat-trick

The event is contested in International One-Designs, a heavy displacement yacht introduced in 1936. Isler, meanwhile, has been for three years tactician to Dave Perry, recently denied a hat-trick of Congressional Cup wins by 12 seconds by Rod Davis, the Olympic gold medallist.

Isler, with six wins and one defeat, also finished top of the preliminary round-robin series and reached the final with a semi-final win over Harold Cudmore, designated skipper of the Royal Thames challenge for the 1987 America's Cup.

Cudmore was fourth in the preliminary rounds, scoring three wins against four defeats. Bill Widnall, five times the I O D world champion, won the right to meet Isler in the final by beating Terry McLaughlin, of Canada, in the second semi-final.

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HOCKEY

BERMUDA FESTIVAL.—Finals: Men: Rum Spirits (G.B.) 2, Havant Hypnotics (G.B.) 0. Women: Gophers (Canada) 1, Bermuda 0.

Motor Racing

Design-conscious McLaren expect tougher time

By BRIAN ALLEN

NEXT Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix, first of the 16-round World Championship series due to end in South Africa in mid-November, should show whether five months of intensive between-seasons effort by their rivals will shake the 1984 domination of the McLaren team.

A year ago John Barnard's Marlboro MP4/2 came good straight out of the box, to give Alain Prost victory, the first of a record dozen for McLaren.

A combination of good design, meticulous workmanship, a powerful engine able to eke out the 220 litres fuel limit, and two highly experienced drivers in Prost and Niki Lauda, proved irresistible.

But nobody, not even McLaren's Ron Dennis, expects a victory run to match 1984. Grand Prix teams learn quickly in the white heat of competition and the results will be seen on the grid at Rio.

Alain Prost, and (below) Niki Lauda, McLaren's two highly-experienced drivers.

New regulations

But with new regulations reducing aerodynamic downforce and banning fuel freezing to make consumption even more vital, there are some unknowns that prolonged test sessions cannot reveal.

Test sessions can be deceptive. A super-fast lap can come from high turbo boost and qualifying tyres, while rivals are methodically going through suspension analysis or engine endurance testing.

Despite the conflict of evidence it looks as though the main opposition to McLaren should come from the Ferrari, JPS Lotus and Canon-Williams teams, with Renault proving a threat only if they succeed in improving on early disappointment with their new RE60.

I detect growing confidence in the Ferrari camp. Certainly their new 156/85 shows tremendous straight-line speed. So has the JPS 97T, with a new recruit, Ayrton Senna, already throwing down the gauntlet with the fastest test lap at Rio in his black-and-gold machine.

The new Williams-Honda FW10, first of the marque with carbon composite chassis, goes to Rio with only late-hour testing, but the team were encouraged by improved reliability from the latest Honda engine during their trip to Brazil with a 1984 car.

Joker in pack

The joker in the pack could be Nelson Piquet in the new Brabham BT54, but a lot will depend on whether Pirelli can provide competitive tyres.

British hopes for the championship rest on the shoulders of Derek Warwick, who led in Brazil last year until his Renault front suspension broke a few laps from the finish, and Nigel Mansell, who has switched to Williams after 59 GP outings with Team Lotus. Cautiously, one would look for a first G P win by one or both during the coming season.

Martin Brundle must wait a few months before Ken Tyrrell gets his Renault engine to be really competitive, though he might pick up odd points in the early rounds with his Ford-Cosworth powered 012.

In summary, most observers agree that this season will be tighter than the last, but McLaren International has to be everyone's target.

1984 DRIVERS' CH'SHIP.—Top placings: Lauda 72, 1; Prost 71½, 2; de Angelis 34, 3; Alboreto 30½, 4; Piquet 29, 5; Arnoux 27, 6; Warwick 25, 7; Rosberg 20½, 8.

1984 CONSTRUCTORS' CH'SHIP.—Top placings: McLaren-TAG 143½, 1; Ferrari 57½, 2; Lotus-Renault 47, 3; Brabham-BMW 38, 4; Renault 34, 5; Williams-Honda 25½, 6.

GRAND PRIX DATES

GRAND PRIX CALENDAR.—April 7, Brazilian. April 21, Portuguese. May 5, San Marino (Imola). May 19, Monaco. June 2, Belgium (Spa). June 16, Canadian. June 23, Detroit. July 7, French (Paul Ricard). July 21, British (Silverstone). Aug. 4, German (Nurburgring). Aug. 18, Austrian. Aug. 25, Dutch. Sept. 8, Italian. Sept. 29, New York. Nov. 3, Australian (Adelaide). Nov. 16, South African.

Gritting their teeth in the time-trial, two determined canoeists in the Devizes to Westminster race.

Grittiest route from Devizes to London's heart

By DOUG IBBOTSON

ON Good Friday, some 600 men, women and teenagers of sound mind and unremarkable disposition will climb into canoes at Devizes, Wiltshire, and attempt to paddle 125 miles to County Hall in London.

Probably 75 per cent will succeed: some with measurable distinction, most in physical anguish, but all exalted by a sense of achievement.

The annual Devizes-to-Westminster canoe race originated in 1948 when two crews of Rover Scouts successfully set out to cover the distance in less than 100 hours. Since then, the winners' time of 89hr 50min has been reduced to an existing record of 15.34.

Though such emphatic improvement reflects the event's remarkable evolution, international prestige and domestic rivalries — particularly among the Armed Services—it has not put the Devizes-Westminster beyond the realms of the essentially "recreational" canoeist. Far from it.

Five classes

There are five classes of competition: K2s — Senior and Veteran pairs (non-stop); Women's pairs (optional overnight stops); Junior pairs (three compulsory overnight stops) and, this year, a new K1 open class for solo canoeists with overnight stops.

Accordingly, commensurate with personal ambition, any canoeist may embark on the journey as a straight 125-mile marathon or as a cumulative four-stage race from Devizes to Newbury (54 miles), Newbury to Marlow (36 miles), Marlow to Ham (18 miles) and Ham to Westminster (17 miles).

If the depths of ambition may be related to fitness, experience and technique, then certain hazards are common to all: frostbite, fatigue, blisters and breakdowns, even the piratical attacks of outraged swans. But the Devizes-Westminster is essentially about morale, character and temperament, all of which come in different packages.

It is not too fanciful, therefore, to draw parallels between Robin Belcher, a Coventry-based teacher and outstanding K1 contender, and the youthful K2 pairing of Mark Powell and Craig Sibthorpe, from Burgess Hill, whose reputations and expectations could scarcely be further apart.

Personal test

Belcher, a K2 winner in 1981 and '82, is a top-class international canoeist of 10 years' experience. He competes throughout the year, at home and abroad, at a personal cost running into thousands of pounds.

Not unnaturally, he uses only the highest quality craft and equipment and demands of his support team the same "professional" attitude he applies to the sport.

"Of course, there's a vast difference between the fastest and the slowest," he says, "and technique is very significant. Contrary to popular belief, the real power in canoeing comes from the back and the abdomen, not the arms.

"Also, in this type of event you often have to carry and run with the canoe, so it's essential to develop total physical fitness. As much as anything, though, it's about a disciplined mind, lots of tactics and strategy . . . and psychological gamesmanship.

"In K2s, it's about encouraging or bullying your crew-mate. About forcing yourself to go faster simply to get the whole thing over and done with.

"It's about the personal satisfaction of finishing. Because when you look back on the race, apart from the sheer, grinding effort, you can't remember a damn thing about it. . . ."

Mark Powell, with another chum, entered the Devizes-Westminster for the first time last year and finished 102nd in a time of 28 hrs 7 mins . . . 10 hours behind the winner.

His canoe "Big Mother," green and grotesque, appears to be the creation of some jerry-builder turned plastic-surgeon. She sags, moans and frequently ships water. But she's maternally comforting on a dark night and Mark loves her dearly — glassfibre warts and all.

Partner Sibthorpe has been canoeing for only a few months and knows no better. "It's not so bad when you've got to the hypnotised moron stage," he says, "but for the first few miles it's like paddling a suet pudding through treacle."

"Apart from the Devizes-Westminster," says Powell, "we're really just messers-about-in-boats. But we've done some serious training on a local river in Sussex and sharpened up in the recent Waterside time-trials.

"Last year was dreadful . . . agony. I swore I'd never do it again. But the ultimate satisfaction was unbelievable. This year we'll definitely cut down the time . . . I'm absolutely determined."

The sentiment is echoed by the Powell back-up entourage. They comprise mum, dad, girl-friends, brothers and sundry others behind whose cheerful and, apparently, slapdash enthusiasm hovers the anxiety that they may not be in the right place at the right time with the beef-tea and butties.

The anticipation, then, is fun; in practice, it is a matter of pride and determination. There is little else at stake. No fortune, certainly, and very little fame.

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Rugby Union

MOON'S RISE HONOURED BY BARBARIANS

By JOHN MASON

RICHARD MOON, Nottingham's England Under-23 scrum-half whose forceful, intelligent play this winter helped Rob Andrew into the England team, will make his debut for the Barbarians on the three-match Easter tour which begins at Penarth on Good Friday.

The impact of Moon, the Cambridge University scrum-half this season, at Nottingham has been immense. There is a speed and maturity about his work which has had even cautious experts in the Midlands gurgling with delight.

"Richard has been a most valuable recruit in all respects," said Jeff Addison, an *RFU member, who has* been closely associated as player and administrator with the advance of Nottingham on and off the field in recent years.

"We look forward to strengthening the link still more in future seasons. As a club we consider that Richard has an important place in plans to consolidate our position as a leading club in the land," added Mr Addison.

The other scrum-half in the party is Ian George, of London Welsh, who also plays for Middlesex. By a coincidence there could be an early reunion — Middlsex meet Notts, Lincs and *Derbys in the Thorn EMI county* final on Saturday week at Twickenham.

Crossan in party

Moon, an England Under-23 tourist a year ago, has not yet played for the county but is eligible via his club qualification. When the semi-finals were staged in November, Moon was still with Cambridge and not available.

Keith Crossan (Instonians) and the Ards flank forwards, Nigel Carr and Philip Matthews, all of whom were in Ireland's championship and Triple Crown-winning side, are also in the 31-strong party for the matches at Penarth, Cardiff and Swansea.

Geoff Windsor Lewis, the Barbarians secretary, has excluded, with the exception of David Pickering, those he believes will be directly involved in the remaining international—Wales v England at Cardiff on April 20. But he has chosen several of the likely travelling reserves.

*There is room for five French*men, including four of the national pack who can look back on a season in which they were not beaten and did not concede a try—and still did not win the championship. Conversations with Dospital and Company should be interesting.

Decision days

The biggest cheer of all, though, I imagine, will be reserved for David Waters, the Newport lock, though he is not a new Barbarian. Waters was twice chosen for Wales this season but the matches were postponed. He is still uncapped.

The manager and coach for England's seven-match tour of New Zealand, beginning in May, will be announced tomorrow.

The latter arrangement means, thankfully, that those representing England at Cardiff will not be playing for tour places in addition to attempting to win at the Arms Park for the first time since Jan. 19, 1985. The winners will take third place in the championship.

As England will be taking a new coach to New Zealand—Richard Greenwood is not available as he is changing his job—the need for continuity in the *selection processes means that* Derek Morgan, the chairman of selectors, should be confirmed as manager. He is available.

The Tour Party

BARBARIANS PARTY: D. Boyd (West Hartlepool), I. Metcalfe (Moseley), K. Crossan (Instonians), J. Goodwin (Moseley), M. Harrison (Wakefield), M. Titley (Bridgend), R. Gardus (Wasps), I. Palmer (Bath), D. Wylie (Stewart's-Melville FP), G. Johns (South Glamorgan), G. Laporte (Graulhet), I. George (London Welsh), R. Moon (Nottingham), F. Dospital (Bayonne), G. Pearce (Northampton), F. Randall (Wasps), A. Sheppard (Bristol), W. James (Aberavon), A. Simpson (Sale), M. Colclough (Wasps), J. Cousiom (Le Boucau), J-C Cuso (Nice), D. Waters (Newport), N. Carr, P. Matthews (Ards), S. Mc-Cluskey (Berwick), M. Morris (South Wales Police), D. Pickering (Llanelli), G. Rees (Nottingham), D. Erland (Aged), M. Teague (Gloucester).

South-East Rugby

CROSS CUP HERO FOR N. WALSHAM

By BILL DAY

COLIN CROSS shrugged off the debilitating effects of a serious illness to steer little Norfolk club, North Walsham, into the second round of next season's John Player Special Cup.

That is Walsham's handsome reward for beating Southend 10-8 to win the Eastern Counties' Cup for the second successive year.

Cross, 25, a progress chaser, emerged as the hero by contributing all 10 points—two penalty goals and a try—while continuing his recovery from meningitis.

Cross was chosen for the reliability of his kicking, a decision vindicated totally when his points gave Walsham a precious 10-0 interval lead and the impetus to weather Southend's brave, late challenge.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

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Young's formal wear for men

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Boris Becker, of West Germany, whose youthful skills outwitted the wiles of Ilie Nastase, 6-4, 6-1 in the Monte Carlo Open.

Becker too good for wily Nastase

By JOHN PARSONS in Monte Carlo

THE new generation kept the old firmly in its place as the heavier hand of Boris Becker beat all the wily tricks Ilie Nastase, 39, tried to play on the first *day, yesterday, of the* Monte Carlo Open.

Once he recovered from an early loss of serve, Becker, 17, refused to be distracted by Nastase's gifted touch and teasing, methods employed on court by the Rumanian long before the buoyant West German was born. Becker won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1.

It was, by coincidence, here at the picturesque Monte Carlo Country Club, that I first had the opportunity to appreciate the talents of both Nastase and Becker, the former in 1969 before he became an international tennis celebrity, the latter just two years ago as a junior.

Nastase can at times now be a sad figure, clinging to former glories while sinking fast, well below 200 on the world ranking list. Yet he still has many admirers, especially here where they gave him a wild card and where the best crowd of the day was clearly pleased to see their former champion in what he says could be his last singles tournament.

Senior advance

Becker, the junior winner here last year before beginning to make his senior advance at Wimbledon, is now 51st in the World list and in no way disheartened by a straight-sets defeat indoors in Milan last week against John McEnroe, who he *still hopes and expects to be* playing again in the Davis Cup on clay in Hamburg in August.

So far, most of Becker's finest results have been on faster surfaces, including a quarter-final on grass in the Australian Open. His second round, here, against the seeded Jose-Luis Clerc will be a challenging test of his patience and prowess on clay.

There were mixed fortunes for the French, who are none too pleased that their No. 1, Yannick Noah, has chosen to play in Chicago this week instead of their own event, which dates back to 1896.

Tarik Benhabiles, 20, came from a set down to beat former Wimbledon runner-up, Chris Lewis but Henri Leconte, whose *greatest claim to fame on clay* is that he ended Bjorn Borg's tournament career on this same centre court here two years ago, lost to the crafty Diego Perez, 5-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Top seed

As last year, Ivan Lendl, on his way here after defeating Jimmy Connors comfortably in the final at Fort Myers, is top seed for what is now the first major outdoor event of the European season.

In 1984 Lendl lost to Henrik Sundstrom, who then went on to defeat Mats Wilander in the last eight for the title. This time Lendl and the Swede are again in the same half, but not due to meet until the semi-finals.

Wilander's form is bound to be carefully assessed. He has not been at his best since Australia, but in the past his results in the first three months of the year have also been deceptively weak.

No British player is in the main draw. Colin Dowdeswell, who turned his ankle badly in Nigeria a month ago, hoped to qualify but at 0-3 in his first match against West Germany's Andreas Maurer, when still in obvious discomfort, he defaulted.

1st RD.—B. Becker (W. Germany) bt Nastase (Rumania) 6-4, 6-1; J. Gunnarsson (Sweden) bt K. Kulpers (Holland) 2-6, 6-1; E. Gata (Spain) bt L. Borga (Monaco) 6-2, 6-4; M. Westphal (W. Germany) bt L. Lavalle (France) 6-4, 7-5, 6-3; I. Benhabiles (France) bt C. Lewis (New Zealand) 5-7, 6-1, 6-1; M. Jaite (Argentina) bt R. Simonsson (Sweden) 6-1, 6-4; J. Gunnarsson (Sweden) bt J. Ganzabal (Argentina) 7-5, 6-4; H. Tarazon (Hungary) bt B. Balleret (Monaco) 6-3, 6-4; C. Costa (Spain) bt H. Gildemeister (Peru) 6-4, 6-4; D. Perez (Uruguay) bt Henri Leconte (France) 5-6, 6-2, 6-0; H. Pfaff (Holland) bt T. Allan (Australia) 6-3, 4-6, 6-5, J. Frawley (Australia) bt C. Mezzer (U.S.) 6-4, 6-1; P. Arraya (Peru) bt P. Short (Czechoslovakia) 6-2, 7-5.

WOMEN'S CHALLENGE BOWL
Tilburg (Indoor, Carpet) — R1 Hetrakh (U.S.) bt P. Delhees-Jacob (Switzerland) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
FLORIDA CLASSIC — Final: I. Lendl (Czechoslovakia) bt J. Connors (U.S.) 6-3, 6-2.

Speedway

BETTER NEWS FOR COURTNEY

By JOHN GATES

The Speedway Control Board have reduced the suspension they imposed last week upon Mark Courtney, 24, of King's Lynn, and he will be available for his team's two League Cup matches, home and away, against Ipswich on Good Friday.

The Board have acknowledged, following receipt of an appeal, that the original suspension until May 1, in addition to a fine of £250 plus costs, would have been excessive as it would have kept Courtney out of ten meetings.

A further bonus for Courtney came at the weekend when the first match from which he was barred, against Swindon, was postponed because of a waterlogged track.

He had been found guilty of conduct prejudicial to the sport following irregularities in last season's World Championships.

Rugby in Wales

UNLUCKY THOMAS AIMS HIGH

By DAVID GREEN

JOHN THOMAS, Swansea's respected Wales B No. 8, who has suffered wretched luck since moving from Maesteg in 1983, has high hopes of mounting a challenge for full international honours next season.

Thomas lost the whole of the 1983-84 season because of a *persistent groin strain. His* international prospects looked good this year but after 12 games for Swansea and a Wales B cap against France the injury recurred.

He had a bone graft three weeks ago and is confident of being fully fit by September. An interesting tussle with Richard Moriarty is in prospect at club and international level.

Pontypool response

Pontypool, shattered by the scale of their Cup semi-final defeat by Cardiff two Saturdays ago, took the opportunity last week of demonstrating their resilience and the depth of their playing strength.

Geoff Davies, right wing, and Steve Jones, hooker, were injured; John Perkins and David Bishop were on international duty and Mark Brown was involved in the Hongkong Sevens. Chris Huish, Haydn Moreton, Bobby Windsor and Mostyn Davies stepped eagerly into the breach.

Bridgend were beaten 18-12; improving Aberavon went down 20-10, and Pontypool confirmed their position at the head of the Whitbreak Merit Table.

Bowls

COWLING TRIES NEW TEAM

By Our Bowls Correspondent

Derek Cowling, skip of the holders of the Norwich Brewery Open Mixed Fours title, will be in a fresh four when the tournament begins at Ely on Friday.

One member of his former team is in France, another in Scotland, so he faces the normal problems of adjusting to new partners.

One of the most popular events in East Anglia the Open Mixed Fours has grown in importance each year. Around 280 bowlers will be involved, and that will necessitate a reduction of ends from 21 down to probably 15.

The brewery's injection of £600 prize money provides further evidence of general interest in vents other than the face to face singles events, which have increased significantly this winter.

LOOSEMORE OVERCOMES PROBLEMS

By BILL EDWARDS

SPRING tennis at Bournemouth is always a gamble with the weather and rain and gales washed out all but four matches in the Prudential British Under-16 Hard Court Championships at the West Hants Club yesterday.

After a delayed start, play was intermittent until late afternoon when a third attempt was called off.

Mark Loosemore, of Dinas Powis, had time to demonstrate that his younger sister Sarah, winner of the LTA Winter Series title at Telford on Saturday, is not the only talent in the family.

He shrugged off a number of double faults, which threatened to run him into trouble, and beat Glenn Taylor, of Churchdown, Gloucestershire 6-4, 6-5.

Bright start

Loose move started brightly with a break of service only to lose the next three games. Taylor was poised to go ahead at 4-3 but Loosemore fought off two break points to take the lead and stay there.

He was a break point down at 1-2 in the second set then dropped only one of the next five games to seal his victory in 72 minutes.

Anne Simpkin (Leicestershire), last year's winner of the girls' title, is suffering from tennis elbow and has withdrawn from the championships.

BOYS' SINGLES.—1st Rd: M. Lippmann (Wales) bt G. Taylor (Gloucs) 6-4, 6-3.
GIRLS' SINGLES.—1st Rd: A. Palmer (Avon) bt S. Peach (Middlesex) 6-3, 6-1; C. Tee (Surrey) bt R. Stokes (Kent) 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; S. Tee (Berks) bt R. Sharp (Cornwall) 6-3, 6-4.

Rugby League

REFEREE IS CRITICISED

Hull Kingston Rovers are to complain to the Rugby League about the way David Carter, the referee, handled their home match with Barrow last Saturday.

Carter, at 29 the youngest referee in the Rugby League, sent off four players in the last five minutes of the game, which Hull K.R. won 40-18.

County Golf

Skilful Rapley shocks Wiltshire stalwart

By BILL MEREDITH

IT is rare for Roger Searle, that great stalwart of Wiltshire county golf, to lose early in the season. Last April, for instance, he claimed the scalp of David Lane, the England international from Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

Searle is a golfer who is as quickly into his stride as the early spring daffodils, but at Hedley over the weekend he met someone in even fuller bloom—Mike Rapley, the B. B. & O. "veteran," who claimed Searle's scalp by 3 and 2.

Rapley's success helped B B & O to a 10-5 victory and increased their prospects of again claiming the South-East (North) crown which they have worn with *amazing* consistency over the past few years.

After B B & O had dropped only half-a-point in the morning foursomes, Rapley and that shining young star, Freddie George, who toppled Neil Garfoot 4 and 3, eased them further ahead — and Lane pitched in with with his usual win.

Battling qualities

But Wiltshire, who failed to win a Channel League match all last season, showed their battling qualities in the middle order with a string of three-fine victories — by Simon Hawkins, Mike Lovett and Gary Hedley.

Hedley in particular was in fine fettle, beating Mark Frogatt, who recently reached the last four of the President's Putter, by 6 and 3. B B & O recovered with sound successes from Will Farrow and Alex Millar jnr, but they knew they had been in a match.

FOURSOMES.—F. Jermyn & R. Weedon bt C. Robertson & S. Hunt 1 up; D. Lane & M. Rapley bt S. Garfoot & R. Searle 1 up; A. Fraser & M. Frogatt bled with M. Lovett & G. Hedley; S. Hawkins & A. Millar bt C. Hawkins & G. Hedley 7 & 4; M. Collinbourne & A. Millar jnr bt S. Garfoot & R. Searle 4 & 2. BB & O 4½, Wilts 7½.

SINGLES.—George br Garfoot 4 & 3; Rapley bt Searle 3 & 2; Lane bt Robertson 4 & 3; Jermyn bled with House; Weedon lost to Hawkins 4 & 3; Brewer lost to Lovett — 4 & 1; Frogatt lost to Hedley 6 & 5; Farrow bt Gooch 4 & 3; Millar jnr bt Hunt 4 & 2; Collinbourne lost to White 2 & 1. BB & O 5½, Wilts 4½.

A week is a long time in golf. Last weekend Paul Newcombe hit the headlines with a stunning 7 and 6 win over John Roger Jones, the Welsh international. But the Devon No. 1 came a cropper at Weston-super-Mare when Colin Edwards, the Somerset champion, thrashed him 7 and 6.

Eventually, Devon earned a 7½-7½ tie with Somerset in their triangular tussle with Cornwall, who lost both their matches—10-5 to Devon and 9½-3½ to Somerset.

Leicestershire, after their fine victory over Warwickshire a week ago, continued their good form with a 9½-3½ win over Staffordshire at Birstall—but it was a close-run thing after Leicester had swept to a seemingly commanding 5-1 lead in the four somes.

Richard Green and Shaun Clarke were the only Staffordshire successes in the foursomes, but in the afternoon, inspired by a 2 and 1 win by David Gilford over Alan Martinez, they gave Leicester a real fright—and fright.

JAPAN TENNIS ASSN INVITATIONAL (Indoor, Carpet) — 1st Rd: J. Fenley (U.S.) bt T. Mayotte (U.S.) 6-3, 6-4; J. Nystrom (Sweden) bt J. Gerulaitis (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4; M. Wilander (Sweden) bt P. Cash (Australia) 6-4, 6-4; S. Edberg (Sweden) bt M. Dickson (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4; M. Pernfors (Sweden) bt T. Tulasne (France) 6-4, 6-4; K. Flach (U.S.) bt S. Denton (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4; T. Smid (Czechoslovakia) bt J. Arias (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4; H. Sundstrom (Sweden) bt M. Westphal (W. Germany) 6-4, 6-4; M. Wilander (Sweden) bt J. Connors (U.S.) 6-4, 6-4.

Table Tennis

England score repeat victory over Hongkong

IN a repeat of the Commonwealth final 13 days ago, England's table tennis men — already out of contention for the title — yesterday beat Hongkong in *a group play-off match at* the World Championships in Gothenburg.

Last month England won 5-0 in the Isle of Man; yesterday, with both teams fielding the same three players, England gained a 5-1 verdict.

Their only defeat came in the third rubber when Alan Cooke went down 21-14, 12-21, 15-21 to Chang Kong Wah.

Earlier Desmond Douglas beat Lo Chuen Chung 21-15, 21-16 and Carl Prean scored a 21-12, 20-22, 21-15 verdict over Vong Lu Veng.

Women win, too

After Cooke's setback, all three English players went on to win three consecutive rubbers to clinch the match.

In the women's play-off matches, England beat Rumania 3-1, with Lisa Bolliger winning all three of her matches, including the doubles with her sister Jackie.

England's only defeat came in the second rubber when Karen Witt lost 21-15, 14-21, 5-21 to Maria Alboiu.

With China's men and women team both through to the semi-finals, other men's group play-off matches yesterday saw Yugoslavia and North Korea score 5-3 wins over Czechoslovakia and France respectively.

Yugoslavia led 5-0 and would have won more comfortably had Dragutin Surbek, 33, been able to hang on to third-game leads against Jindrich Pansky and Milan Orlowski.

The match between Surbek and Orlowski revived memories, recalled by the Czechoslovak, who said: "We first played each other in the World Championships in Munich in 1969."

BOWLS

WOMEN'S MATCH.—Clifton 134, Torquay 62.

The results

MEN

CATEGORY 1.—Groups A & B play-offs: England bt Hongkong 5-1. Leading finish: D. Douglas bt Lo Chuen Chung 21-15, 21-16; C. Prean bt Vong Lu Veng 21-12, 20-22, 21-15; A. Cooke bt Chang Kong Wah 21-14, 12-21, 15-21. Prean bt Lo 21-19, 18-21, 21-19; Douglas bt Chan 21-14, 21-17, 21-17; Cooke bt Vong 21-16, 21-11. Yugoslavia bt Czechoslovakia 5-3. N. Korea bt India 5-0; Hungary bt Denmark 5-0; 1-5 bt Italy 5-4.

CATEGORY 2.—Group C: W. Germany bt Norway 5-0, Holland bt Holland 5-0; Scotland bt Pakistan 5-4; Belgium bt Switzerland 5-3.

Group D: USSR bt Algeria 5-0; Australia bt Indonesia 5-1; Australia bt Israel 5-2; Brazil bt Wales 5-3.

CATEGORY 3.—Group E: Luxembourg bt Malta 5-0; Bulgaria bt Austria 5-0; Ireland bt Wales 5-0; Ireland bt Libya 5-0; Luxembourg bt Yemen 5-1; Libya bt Malta 5-2.—Ireland bt Poland 5-0; Czechoslovakia bt Luxembourg 5-0.

Group F: N. Zealand bt Malaysia 5-3; Saudi Arabia bt Ireland 5-0; Zimbabwe bt Zimbabwe 5-0; Jersey bt Leicester 5-3; Malaysia bt Saudi Arabia 5-1; N. Zealand bt Zimbabwe 5-0; Iceland bt Jersey 5-1.

Group G: Brazil bt Trinidad 5-2; Chile bt Canada 5-1; Greece bt Colombia 5-0; Canada bt Egypt 5-0; Trinidad bt Colombia 5-0; Chile bt Costa Rica 5-0; Jamaica bt Greece 5-3.

Group H: Singapore bt Venezuela 5-0; Spain bt Bermuda 5-0; Lebanon bt Faroe Islands 5-0; Puerto Rico bt Cyprus 5-4; Spain bt Singapore 5-0; Lebanon bt Venezuela 5-2; Cyprus bt Bermuda 5-1; Portugal bt Fagoe Is 5-0.

WOMEN

CATEGORY 1.—Groups A & B play-offs: England bt Rumania 3-1. English team: L. Bellmeyer bt O. Alboiu 21-15, 21-8; K. Witt lost to M. Alboiu 21-13, 14-21, 5-21; L. & J. Bellmeyer bt Alboiu & Szabo 21-9, 21-12; L. Bellmeyer bt Alboiu 21-9, 21-13. USSR bt Czechoslovakia 3-1; France bt Sweden 3-1; Hungary bt Japan 3-1; Hongkong bt Belgium 3-1; W. Germany bt Yugoslavia 3-1; Holland bt Austria 3-1; Finland bt Australia 3-1; Poland bt Switzerland 3-1; Denmark bt N. Ireland 3-1; Netherlands bt Singapore 3-0.

CATEGORY 2.—Group C: play-offs: Jersey bt India 3-1; Taiwan bt Austria 3-1; Finland bt Australia 3-1; Poland bt Switzerland 3-1; Denmark bt N. Ireland 3-1; Netherlands bt Singapore 3-0.

CATEGORY 3.—Groups E & F play-offs: Jersey bt Venezuela 3-0; Portugal bt Ecuador 3-1; Jamaica bt T. Tobago 3-0; Iceland bt Zimbabwe 3-1; Barbados bt Uganda 3-1; Wales bt Malta 3-0; Spain bt Sri Lanka 3-0; Puerto Rico bt Scotland.

Bahamas bt Nigeria 3-0; Italy bt Nigeria 3-0; Brazil bt Greece 3-1; Israel bt Iceland 3-1; Turkey bt Saudi Arabia 3-0; Wales bt Puerto Rico 3-0; Colombia bt Sri Lanka 3-2; Scotland bt Malta 3-0.

JOCKEY CLUB CUP (Doubles) — Final: Lendl (Czechoslovakia) bt J. Connors (U.S.) 6-4, 6-2.

Ice Hockey

DEPLETED REDSKINS CRUSHED

By HOWARD BASS

THE Heineken Premier Division icehockey title and three of the six British Championship play-off berths are still unresolved approaching the final weekend of scheduled fixtures.

Durham Wasps had no difficulty in retaining their two-points league lead, following an 8-5 victory at Dundee with a 10-5 home win against Southampton Vikings. Hat-tricks came from Paul Tilley at Dundee and Jamie Crapper against Southampton.

Fife Flyers kept up the pressure with two home successes — 8-2 over Streatham and 9-2 against Ayr. Danny Brown scored four in the first match and five in the second. Dave Stoyanovich, with two goals in each, extended his season's record tally to 99.

With three of this month's play-off places ensured for Durham, Fife and Murrayfield, a desperate battle between Streatham, Ayr, Cleveland and Dundee for the other three takes place on Easter Sunday. Cleveland's visit to Ayr could prove crucial.

Streatham Redskins, denied five key players through injuries and 'flu, suffered two defeats in Scotland, losing 12-1 at Murrayfield after their reverse at Fife. They are now a precarious fourth.

Tony Hand, who scored four against Streatham, had previously put five, as did Gord McDougall, in Murrayfield's 15-2 spree at Southampton.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE (Prem. Div.).—Ayr 11, Whitley 6; Dundee 5, Durham 2; Durham 10, Southampton 5; Fife 9, Ayr 2; Fife 8, Streatham 2; Murrayfield 15, Streatham 1; Nottingham 4, Cleveland 10, Southampton 2; Murrayfield 13, Whitley 4, Dundee 7.
Div. I.—Blackpool 15, Richmond 5; Durham 4, Crowtree 3; Clarkson 7, Richmond 6; Lea Valley 5, Blackpool 9; Solihull 13, Altrincham 5.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Durham	33	26	4	3	249	158	54
Fife	33	24	4	5	231	154	52
Murrayfield	33	20	4	9	218	166	44
Streatham	33	17	3	13	210	208	36
Ayr	33	14	3	15	211	194	31
Cleveland	34	10	3	15	175	236	25
Dundee	33	10	3	14	222	204	25
Nottingham	34	10	2	20	225	259	22
Whitley	34	8	2	24	247	339	18
Southampton	34	2	0	32	110	326	4

(Teams that on points are separated by results between them.)

Swimming

FREESTYLE RECORD BY WATSON

By PAT BESFORD

STEPHANIE WATSON, from Ayr, has justified her first selection for Britain, against Sweden at Blackpool on April 12 and 13, with a Scottish 100 metres freestyle record at Cumbernauld.

Her 57·9 seconds, the second-best 25-metre pool time by a Briton this year, was one of 18 victories by Scotland's Esso Youth Squad, who scored 148 points to Norway's 130 with Wales and Ireland trailing.

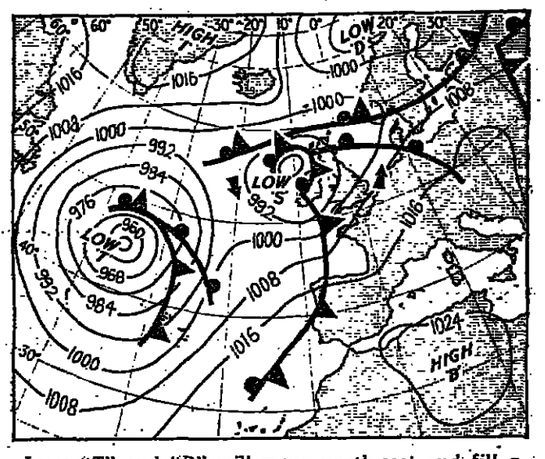
Jill Ewing, of Paisley, also in the British team, clocked 1-6-35 for 100 metres backstroke, her sister Arlene 1-5-94 in the 100 metres butterfly and Neil Hughton 2-25-73 for 200 metres breaststroke.

Nigel Stanton, the Olympic diver, studying at the University of Southern Illinois, is being brought home, expenses paid, to represent Britain in the European Cup in Zurich from April 11 to 14. The team is:

MEN.—Highboard: S. Springboard: A. Budd (Highgate), N. Sterton (Beaumont).
WOMEN.—Highboard: L. Fraser, C. Reece (The Ladies), Springboard: L. Reece (The Ladies), A. Childs (Shipyard).

Jeremy Birmingham (London Polytechnic) will captain England's water polo team in a tournament against Canada, France, Sweden and Switzerland at Crystal Palace from Friday to Sunday.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon April 1



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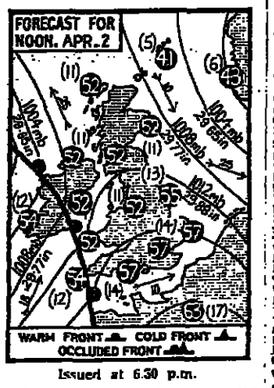
BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	s	61	16	Lisbon	s	64	18
Akrotiri	c	61	16	Locarno	s	70	21
Alexandria	c	68	20	London	c	65	17
Algiers	s	72	22	*L. Angls	s	68	20
Amsterdm	c	59	15	Luxembrg	f	57	14
Ascension	s	84	29	Luxor	c	81	27
Athens	s	64	18	Madrid	s	64	18
Bahrain	s	79	26	Majorca	s	65	18
*Barbados	f	82	28	Malaga	s	66	19
Barcelona	s	61	16	Malta	s	68	20
Belfast	c	55	13	Manchstr	c	57	14
Belgrade	c	61	16	Melbourne	f	27	19
Berlin	r	54	12	Mexico C.	f	72	22
Bermuda	f	70	21	Miami	s	85	29
Biarritz	s	73	23	Milan	s	61	16
Birmnghm	c	55	13	Montreal	sn	34	1
Blackpool	c	54	12	Moscow	r	41	5
Bordeaux	r	75	24	Munich	c	59	15
*Boston	f	59	15	Nairobi	f	79	26
Boulogne	f	61	16	Naples	s	61	16
Bristol	r	57	14	Newcastle	c	52	11
Brussels	c	63	17	N. Delhi	s	86	30
Budapest	c	61	16	New York	s	52	12
B. Aires	s	82	28	Nice	f	70	21
Cairo	f	70	21	Oporto	c	61	16
Cape Twn	s	82	28	Oslo	c	54	12
Cardiff	r	54	12	Paris	c	63	17
Casablnca	s	84	29	Peking	f	55	13
Cologne	r	57	14	Perth	s	93	34
Copenhgn	f	50	10	Prague	r	52	11
*Chicago	c	46	8	Reykjavik	c	37	3
Corfu	s	66	20	Rhodes	s	68	20
*Dallas	s	75	24	*R de Jnro	f	84	29
*Denver	s	75	24	Riyadh	s	93	34
Dublin	r	55	13	Rome	s	61	16
Dubrovnik	s	68	20	Salzburg	s	63	17
Edinburgh	s	55	13	*S. Franscs	s	63	17
Faro	s	66	19	*Santiago	r	63	17
Florence	s	63	17	*S Paulo	r	72	22
Frankfurt	r	55	13	Seoul	s	54	12
Funchal	c	66	19	Singapore	f	86	30
Geneva	s	59	15	Strasburg	f	66	19
Gibraltar	s	68	20	Stockhlm	s	54	12
Glasgow	r	46	8	Sydney	s	77	25
Guernsey	r	52	11	Tel Aviv	c	82	28
Helsinki	f	50	10	Tenerife	s	79	26
*Honakong	c	90	32	*Toronto	c	59	15
Innsbruck	c	55	13	Tokyo	c	55	13
Inverness	r	45	7	Tunis	c	66	19
Ja.M.	s	88	31	Valencia	s	77	25
Istanbul	f	61	16	*Vancouvr	r	48	9
Jeddah	s	91	33	Venice	s	59	15
Jersey	c	55	13	Vienna	f	63	17
Karachi	f	70	21	Warsaw	f	55	13
Larnaca	s	66	19	Washngtn dr	s	70	21
L. Palmas	s	73	23	Wellingtn	s	57	14
*Lima	f	77	25	Zurich	s	61	16

Key: C—cloudy, f—fair, r—rain, s—sunny, sn—snow, dr—drizzle. Temps: F & C: lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

Lighting-up time 8.5 p.m. to 6.2 a.m. Sun rises 6.21 a.m., sets 7.35 p.m. Moon rises 3.33 p.m., sets 6.13 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 12.12 p.m. (20ft.), Dover 9.29 a.m. (18.1ft); 9.56 p.m. (19.4ft).

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	Max. Temps. C	Weather (day)
Scarboro'	2.3	0.24	61	16	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.6	0.18	61	16	sun am
Cromer	0.5	0.31	64	18	Cloudy
Lowestoft	1.6	0.26	59	15	Cloudy
Clacton	3.5	0.06	54	12	Bright
Margate	—	0.09	64	18	sun pm
South					
Folkestone	5.0	0.17	55	13	Cloudy
Hastings	4.0	0.19	54	12	Rain pm
Eastbourne	2.8	0

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TELEVISION

TUESDAY GUIDE BY PETER KNIGHT

BBC-1

6 50 a.m. **BREAKFAST TIME**, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 9.20 Battle of the Planets. 9.40 *The Monkees*, rpt.

10 05 **WHY DON'T YOU . . .?** A visit to Haggs Castle, Glasgow. 10.30 Play School. 10.50 Cartoon Double Bill.

11 05 **BONANZA**—Return Engagement, rpt. 11.50 Wildlife on One—Flower from the Flames, rpt. (Ceefax.) 12.15 The Gospel According to St. John.

12 30 **NEWS, WEATHER.** 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only: Financial Report and News Headlines).

1 00 **PEBBLE MILL AT ONE.** 1.45 Pigeon Street, rpt. 2 Blizzard's Wizard Woodwork—Fitted Cupboards.

2 25 **"THIS ISLAND EARTH"** (1955). Above-average science fiction drama with visiting aliens kidnapping scientists from earth to help save their planet from destruction. Some superb special effects. With Jeff Morrow and Faith Domergue. 3.53 (not London) Regional News.

3 55 **CATERPILLAR TRAIL**, new series. 4.10 Dastardly and Muttley, rpt. 4.15 Heathcliff and Marmaduke, new series. 4.35 The Kids of Degrassi Street, new series.

5 10 **NEWSROUND**, with John Craven. 5.10 Who, Sir? Me, Sir? (Ceefax). 5.35 Dr. Kildare—Hour of Decision, rpt. (Wales: Wales Today.)

6 00 **NEWS, WEATHER.**

6 35 **REGIONAL MAGAZINES.** (Wales: Chris Stuart Cha Cha Chat Show.)

7 00 **EASTENDERS.** (Ceefax.)

7 30 **BLANKETY BLANK**—Presented by Les Dawson.

8 00 **THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED**—Point of View. The discovery of linear perspective is the change explored by James Burke tonight. One of the more annoying features in this pop science-history series is the jargon Burke seems impelled to use. Tonight he pauses for "a quick bash of Aristotle and the Medieval Church" and has 15th-century Florentines "going bananas". (Ceefax.)

8 50 ***POINTS OF VIEW***—Barry Took with more viewers' comments on BBC programmes.

9 00 **PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST** by the Labour Party.

9 10 **NEWS, WEATHER.**

9 35 **MIAMI VICE**—No Exit. Crockett and Tubbs on the trail of a dangerous arms dealer.

10 25 **FILM 85.**

10 55 **LOOSE ENDS**—the quiz game with Tim Brooke-Taylor, London & S.E. only (East—Spectrum Newsfile; Midlands—Midlands Tonight; North — Northern Lights; South—Southern Life; South West—Surviving to Fight; Royal Marines; West — RPM; Wales: Welsh Cup Semi-final, Swansea City v Shrewsbury Town).

11 25 **THE 20TH CENTURY REMEMBERED** — Barbara Castle. First of four programmes in which the former Labour Minister looks back over her life and political career. This one covers her childhood, her days at Oxford and her early years in Parliament.

11 55 **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.** 12.10 Weather.

BBC-2

6 30 a.m.-7.20 **OPEN UNIVERSITY.**

4 15 **"HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME"** (1953, b/w). Amusing but fairly mild comedy with Ginger Rogers as a city girl finding romance during a vacation at a mountain resort. With Douglas Fairbanks Jr.

5 25 ***NEWS, WEATHER.*** *5.30 Jet Trail — Three Knights of* Bristowe. First shown on BBC West.

6 00 **THE HIGH CHAPARRAL**—The Kinsman, repeat.

6 50 **OFF THE RECORD**—Footballer Charlie Nicholas chooses some of his *favourite records.*

7 00 **WHISTLE TEST**—Including live music from Timezone and Sisters of Mercy, blues singer Robert Krav in performance, archive clips of Ultravox and Richard Skinner with the new charts.

8 00 **TOP GEAR**—William Woollard visits Ford's testing ground at Lommel in Belgium and Frank Page investigates car security systems.

8 30 **ENTERTAINMENT U.S.A.** 2—*Jonathan King* in Nashville, Tennessee.

9 00 **PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST** by the Labour Party.

9 10 **POT BLACK 85**—First semi-final, Dennis Taylor v Doug Mountjoy.

9 55 **AFRICAN CAVALRY**—A personal view of Africa by award-winning cameraman Mohamed Amin.

10 30 **NEWSNIGHT.** 11.15 Weather.

11 20 **ANIMATION NOW**—Skyscraper, from Yugoslavia. 11.30-12.25 Open University.

ITV Thames

6 15 a.m. **GOOD MORNING BRITAIN.** 9.25 Sesame Street, preceded by Thames News Headlines.

10 25 **BMX BEAT**—The U.K. BMX Freestyle Championships. *10.50 Buttercup Buskers. 11 Animal Friends. 11.10* Fabulous Funnies.

11 30 **ABOUT BRITAIN**—A Country Living. 12 Cockleshell Bay, rpt. 12.10 Rainbow, rpt. 12.30 The Sullivans.

1 00 **NEWS.** 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Strangers—Marriages, *Deaths and Births*, rpt.

2 30 **DAYTIME.** 3 Gambit. 3.25 Thames News Headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.

4 00 **COCKLESHELL BAY**, rpt. 4.15 Batfink. 4.20 Alice in Wonderland. (Oracle). 4.45 CBTV. 5.15 Blockbusters.

5 45 **NEWS.**

6 00 **THAMES NEWS.**

6 25 **REPORTING LONDON.**

7 00 **EMMERDALE FARM.**

7 30 **BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY**—Teams of tennis coaches, vets and tunnelling engineers compete this week, plus film of the winning cab drivers enjoying their holiday in New York. (Oracle.)

8 00 **UP THE ELEPHANT AND ROUND THE CASTLE**—A bird in the Hand is Worth Two in Shepherd's Bush, repeat.

8 30 **CHANCE IN A MILLION**—Man of Iron, rpt. Alison's cousin's trip to London ends in chaos thanks to Tom.

9 00 **PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST** by the Labour Party.

9 10 ***TELEVISION***—*The Rise and Fall of the Documentary.* The history of TV documentaries over the past three decades. (Oracle.)

10 10 **NEWS AT TEN**, followed by **Thames News Headlines.**

10 40 **FIRST TUESDAY:** *Lebanon*—A Family at War/Insult to Injury. The first examines the last ten years of warfare through the experiences of one family; the second looks at the disturbing number of assaults on Asian and black families living in the East End of London.

11 40 **THE MASTER**—High Rollers. 12.35 The Seven Deadly Sins.

Channel 4

2 30 p.m. **THE HUMAN JUNGLE**—Time Check, b/w, rpt. 3.25 The Three Stooges in "Idle Roomers".

3 45 **YEARS AHEAD**—Presented by Robert Dougall and including a visit to an Enfield garden; a report on a Neigbourhood Watch scheme in Birmingham and pop singer Kim Wilde and her two grandmothers talking about their relationship. 4.30 Hey Good Looking—Style Wars. 4.45 Dangerous Journey — The Hill Difficulty. 5 Bewitched. 5.30 Low Tech—Sit Down and Light Up.

6 00 **THE AVENGERS**—The Quick-Quick-Slow Death, b/w, rpt. Steele and Mrs. Peele investigate the strange case of a corpse found in a pram.

7 00 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS**; at 7.50 Comment by John Ryan, and Weather.

8 00 **BROOKSIDE.**

8 30 **THE WINE PROGRAMME**—Growing It. Janice Robinson examines the different varieties of grapes, plus film of vineyards in Spain, Italy, France, Portugal and Australia.

9 00 **"INSIDE MOVES"** (1980). Emotional and often quite touching and amusing drama with John Savage as a failed suicide who joins a group of misfits and handicapped people who congregate in a local bar. It strains a bit for its upbeat tone and some of the stories are slightly flawed but it is well meaning enough in its way.

11 05-12 **EASTERN EYE**—Magazine programme for Asians.

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ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 TVS Outlook.
9 27 Sesame Street.
10 25 BMX Beat.
10 50 Cartoon.
11 00 Fireball XL5.
11 30 About Britain.
12 00 Cockleshell Bay.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News; TVS News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Questions.
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Alice in Wonderland.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Sons and Daughters.
5 45 News.
6 00 Coast to Coast.
6 25 Police 5.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million.
9 00 Labour P.P.B.
9 10 Television.
10 10 News, TVS News.
10 40 First Tuesday.
11 40 The Champions.
12 35 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 BMX Beat.
10 50 European Folk Tales.
11 10 Fireball XL5.
11 30 About Britain.
12 00 Cockleshell Bay.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Gardens for All.
1 00 News, Anglia News.
1 30 Strangers, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit.
3 25 Anglia News.
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Alice in Wonderland.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Emmerdale Farm.
5 45 News.
6 00 About Anglia.
6 25 Crossroads.
7 00 Different Strokes.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million.
9 00 Labour P.P.B.
9 10 Television.
10 10 News, Anglia News.
10 40 First Tuesday.
11 40 Mannix.
12 35 Undercurrents.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sport Billy.
9 50 Laurel & Hardy film.
11 05 BMX Beat.
11 30 About Britain.
12 00 Cockleshell Bay.
12 10 *Rainbow.*
12 30 Gardening Time.
1 00 News, Central News.
1 30 Strangers, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit; 3.25 News.
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Alice in Wonderland.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Keep It in the Family.
5 45 News.
6 00 Crossroads.
6 25 Central News.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million.
9 00 Labour P.P.B.
9 10 Television.
10 10 News, Central News.
10 40 First Tuesday.
11 40-12.40 Star Parade.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Sesame St.
10 25 BMX Beat.
10 50 Gather Your Dreams.
11 15 Abigail.
11 30 About Britain.
12 00 Cockleshell Bay.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Calendar Lunchtime.
1 00 News, Calendar News.
1 30 *Strangers, rpt.*
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit; 3.25 News.
3 30 A Country Practice.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Alice in Wonderland.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Dreams.
5 45 News.
6 00 Calendar.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million.
9 00 Labour P.P.B.
9 10 Television.
10 10 News, Calendar.
10 40 First Tuesday.
11 40 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace, b/w.
12 40 Meditations.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Ghost of Thomas Kempe.
9 50 Gather Your Dreams.
10 15 North-west Passage Gate.
10 25 BMX Beat.
10 50 John Kim Bell.
11 15 Near North.
11 30 About Britain.
12 00 Cockleshell Bay.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 00 News, HTV News.
1 30 Strangers, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit; HTV News.
3 30 Young Doctors.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 Batfink.
4 20 Alice in Wonderland.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 *Benson.*
5 45 News.
6 00 HTV News/ Wales at 6.
6 35 Crossroads.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 *Up the Elephant.*
8 30 Chance in a Million.
9 00 Labour P.P.B.
9 10 Television.
10 10 News, HTV News.
10 40 First Tuesday.
11 40 The Last Outlaw.
12 40 Weather.

S4C

1 15 Hey Good Looking.
1 30 Alice.
2 00 Ffalabalam.
2 15 "The Invisible Menace": 1958 film: Boris Karloff.
3 20 Late, Late Show.
4 20 A Plus 4.
4 50 Ffalabalam.
5 05 Bilidowcar.
5 35 Project UFO.
6 30 Larwm.
7 00 Newyddion Saith.
7 30 Pintubi.
8 00 The Dragon Has 2 Tongues.
8 30 Relative Strangers.
9 00 Dringo'r Dom.
9 45 The Cosby Show.
10 15 City General.
10 45-12.30 "Can She Bake a Cherry Pie": 1983 comedy.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Sesame Street.
10 25 BMX Beat.
10 50 Jerusalem.
11 15 World's Children.
11 30 About Britain.
12 00 Cockleshell Bay.
12 10 Rainbow.
12 30 Look Who's Talking.
1 00 News, Local News.
1 30 Strangers, rpt.
2 30 Daytime.
3 00 Gambit.
3 30 Sons and Daughters.
4 00 Cockleshell Bay.
4 15 *Batfink.*
4 20 Alice in Wonderland.
4 45 CBTV.
5 15 Gus Honeybun.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 00 Today South West.
6 30 Televiews.
6 40 Consumer Check.
7 00 Emmerdale Farm.
7 30 Busman's Holiday.
8 00 Up the Elephant.
8 30 Chance in a Million.
9 00 Labour P.P.B.
9 10 Television.
10 10 News, Local News.
10 44 First Tuesday.
11 40 Fisheries News.
11 50 Postscript.
11 55 Weather. Shipping.

Channel

9 25 Shackleton.
10 25-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 Wattoo Wattoo.
5 20 Gulliver's Adventures.
5 45 News.
6 00 Channel Report.
6 30 Robinson Country.
7 00-9 As TSW.
9 00 The Barnstormers.
9 10-11.40 As TSW.
11 40 Commentaires et previsions.

Open University

BBC 2 TV: 6.30 a.m. S358. 6.55-7.20 D102. 11.30 p.m. P670. 11.55-12.30 AD206.
Radio 4 VHF: 11.30 p.m. Open Forum. 11.50-12.10 S101.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 A312.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. Newsdesk. 7 World News. 7.9 Twenty-four Hours. 7.30 Seven Wonders of the Modern World. 7.45 Network U.K. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Art of Kathleen Ferrier. 8.30 The Elements of Music. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10 News. 10.1 Discovery. 10.30 *The Killing Season.* 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from London.

12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 A Bach Celebration. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 Twenty-four Hours. 1.30 Network U.K. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2 Outlook. 2.45 In Spite of Ourselves. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5 World News. 5.8 Meridian. 5.40 Scotland This Week.

8 p.m. World News. 9.15 Concert Hall. 10 World News. 10.9 The World Today. 10.25 Scotland This Week. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Romantic Piano. 11.30 Meridian.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1 News. 1.1 Outlook. 1.30 Report on Religion. 1.45 Country Music Profile. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Romantic Piano. 2.30 The Killing Season. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 5.45 The World Today.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today.
9 00 News.
9 05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411, on Spring Gardening.
10 00 From Our Own Correspondent.
10 30 All Stations to the Cross.
10 45 Service.
11 00 "The Swirling Dawson Effect"; comedy play by Paul Wolfson, with Nigel Havers and John Barron. Ambitious young Dr. Dawson is glad to play golf with the Chairman of the Hospital. Appointments Board but doesn't bargain for being caught in a thunderstorm. . . .
11 33 Wildlife.
12 00 You and Yours.
12 27 Brain of Britain.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 World at One.
1 35 Labour P.P.B.
1 40 The Archers.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Woman's Hour.
3 00 "Home Truths for Tony": Patrick Dockery's play about a 20-year-old learning to accept the bitter side of life.
4 00 Pictures in Time: doyenne of film critics, Dilys Powell, talking.
4 40 Story Time: "A Gun for Sale" (2).
5 00 PM (5.50 on l/w Shipping).
5 55 Weather.
6 00 News, Financial news.
6 20 King Street Junior (comedy): part 2, rpt.
7 00 News.
7 05 The Archers.
7 20 Mysterious Messenger, rpt.: the story of war-time hero Eduard Schulte.
8 05 Medicine Now.
8 35 The State of the Vatican: part 5—The Polish Pope.
9 05 In Touch.
9 30 Treasure Islands: Jamaica —Pleasure and Pain.
9 45 Kaleidoscope.
10 15 Book at Bedtime: "The Magic Toyshop" (2).
10 30 The Word Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News. Weather.
12 33 Shipping.

VHF: 1.55 p.m.-2 Listening Corner. 11 Study on 4: From Coming to Confidence. 11.30-12.10 Open University.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Morning Concert (8-8.5 News).
9 00 News.
9 05 *This Week's Composer:* Max Bruch.
10 00 Barber and Copland.
10 45 Domenico Scarlatti.
11 15 *Alberni String Quartet,* with Martin Hughes (piano): Haydn and Schumann. Repeat.
12 10 BBC Scottish SO play Mozart's overture: Magic Flute. Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 3 (soloist Wolfgang Manz), and Schumann's Third Symphony (1-1.5 News).
1 45 Guitar Encores.
2 15 With a Latin Flavour.
4 00 Leslie Howard (piano): Mozart, Beethoven, Bach.
4 55 News.
5 00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Romanesque English Music. rpt.
7 00 L'Italiana in Algeri: Rossini's comic opera, sung in Italian on records (8.20-8.40 *On Leisure:* reading).
10 00 Jazz Today.
11 00 Northern Sinfonia, playing Haydn's Symphony No. 49 and Jonathan Harvey's Easter Orisons. (1st broadcast performance).
11 40 Portraits by Virgil Thomson.
11 57 News.

TWO

4 00 Colin Berry.
6 00 Ray Moore.
8 05 Ken Bruce.
10 30 *Jimmy Young.*
1 05 David Jacobs.
2 00 Paul Heiney.
3 30 Music All the Way.
4 00 *Steve Jones.*
6 00 John Dunn.
8 00 Hubert Gregg.
9 00 BBC Radio Orchestra.
9 55 Sports Desk.
10 00 Pop Score.
10 30 The Law Game.
11 00 Brian Matthew.
1 00 Bill Rennells.
3 00-4 Night Owls.
VHF: 10 p.m.-12 Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Adrian John.
7 00 Mike Read.
9 00 Simon Bates.
12 00 Gary Davies (12.30 Newsbeat).
2 30 Steve Wright.
5 00 Bruno Brookes (5.30 Newsbeat).
7 30 Janice Long.
10 00-12 Muriel Gray.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330, 693, 433. (Radio 1 & 88-90·2 MHz).
Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90-3-92·5).
Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92-94·5, 97·1).
World Service: 648, 463.
Radio London: 1458, 206. (94·9).
LBC: 1152, 261. (97·3).
Capital: 1548, 194. (95·8).

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BIRTHS

BEST.—On April 1, at St Thomas', to PRISCILLA (nee McNeil) and JAMES, a son (Archie Fabian).

BURROUGH.—On March 29, 1985, at Cuckfield Hospital, to VICTORIA (nee Sinclair) and TIM, a daughter (Charlotte Emily).

CAMPBELL. — On March 30, at Wharncliffe General Hospital, Otley, to REBECCA (nee Thurnhill) and ANDREW, a daughter, a sister for Ben.

COLEMAN.—On March 28, to MOIRA and TONY, a son (Sam), a brother for Timothy and Georgina.

DANIELL. — On March 30, at Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot, to SALLY (nee Williams) and JIM, twins, a son and a daughter.

ERNEST-SMITH.—On March 27, 1985, to JANE, wife of PETER, a son (Charles David).

GATES.—On March 30, to JANET (nee Hicks) and ADRIAN, a son, brother for Matthew.

GUBBINGS.—March 19, at Burnham Hospital, Bucks, to CELIA (nee Gribbin) and DAVID, a son (Christopher James), a brother for Elizabeth.

HANKS.—On March 27, at Cheltenham, to JANE (nee Nicholls) and NICHOLAS, a daughter, sister for Laura.

HOLLIS.—On March 31, in Holland, to SUE and ANDY, a son (George), a brother for Felicity.

HORNSBY.—On March 28, in San Francisco, to JULIE and DAVID, a son, brother for Alexander.

HILL.—On March 30, to ELIZABETH (nee Palmer) and DAVID, a daughter (Kezia Louise).

HILL.—On March 31, to SUSAN (nee Allbutt) and JONATHAN, a son (Alexander Desmond).

HUNTER.—On March 31, at Redhill Hospital, Surrey, to SUE and GEN, a son's daughter (Laura Helen).

INGRAM.—On March 30, at Whipps Cross Hospital, to SUSAN (nee Griffiths) and DAVID, a daughter (Gemma Louise).

JACK.—On March 30, to FIONA (nee Frondigoe) and ROLAND, a daughter (Anthea Andree Charlotte), a sister for Oliver.

KENNEY-HERBERT.—On March 28, to LYNETTA (nee Hayward) and ANTHONY, a daughter (Emma Mary).

KEYTE.—On March 30, 1985, at St Thomas' Hospital, to NICKIE (nee Saillery) and MALCOLM, a daughter (Sophie Victoria).

LACEY.—On March 30, at Nottingham, to PATRICIA and JOHN, twin daughters (Jessica Marjorie and Stephanie Jane).

LANSLEY.—On March 30, to BRIDGET and COLIN, a daughter (Sarah Elizabeth Jane), sister to Victoria Emma.

LITECH.—On March 30, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor, to NICKI (nee Cullimore) and STUART, a son (Harry Cullimore James).

LYON.—On March 31, at Faraborough Hospital, Kent, to SHEREE (nee Burgess) and RICHARD, a son (Oliver Richard), a brother for Benjamin, eight weeks early and very much loved.

PAYNE.—On March 30, to MARIEANN (nee Mayhew Arnold) and DAVID, a daughter (Katherine).

RAKIC.—On March 13, to DORA (nee Rallis) and NICHOLAS, a daughter (Anna Katharina Lilli).

REID.—On March 30, to ANGELA (nee Cerlli) and IAN, a son (Nicholas Andrew).

RUNEWITSCH.—On March 30, at St Mary's Hospital, London, to CLARE and JAY, a son (Rupert Jay), a friend and sparring partner for James and Piers.

SCOONES.—On March 29, to ANNE (nee Butler) and DAVID, a son (Richard Mark).

SEDDON.—On March 29, to PAUL (nee Clarke) and JEREMY, a son (Thomas Jeremy), a brother for Serena and Alexandra.

SIDDONS.—On March 25, 1985, to CATHERINE (nee Humphreys) and PHILIP, a son (Mark Julian Michael), a brother for Robert.

STRUTT.—On March 28, at the Matilda Hospital, Hongkong, to ATHENA and HENRY, a daughter.

SUTCLIFFE.—On March 26, 1985, at Grimsby Maternity Hospital, to CAROL (nee Ditchburn), wife of CHRISTOPHER SUTCLIFFE, a daughter (Helena Elizabeth).

UPS.—On March 30, to ERICA (nee Carrick) and VINCENT, a daughter (Clara Alice).

WALLIS.—On March 28, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London, W.4, to FIONA (nee Kennedy) and DAVID, a daughter (Emily Clare).

WALSH.—On March 31, at Northwick Park Hospital, to HELEN (nee Pollard) and JOHN, a daughter (Nicola).

WELLS.—On March 29, to KATHERINE (nee Simpson) and DERRICK WELLS, a son (George Patrick Charles).

WRIGHT.—On March 29, at Eastbourne District General Hospital, to JANE (nee Hood) and PHILIP, twins (James Oliver and Alice Elizabeth), a brother and sister for Thomas.

MARRIAGES

BERRIDGE—SINGLEHURST. — On March 30, at St. David's, second son of the late Col and Mrs F. R. Berridge, of Barnwell, to JOY SINGLEHURST (nee Allen), second daughter of the late George Allen and Mrs Martha Allen, of Werrington.

DIXON—BARNSHAW.—On Saturday, March 30 at All Saint's Church, Cheadle Hulme, STUART ANDREW, son of Mr and Mrs K. Dixon, of Bolton, to DEBORAH ANNE, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Barnshaw, of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.

GRIMES—BOVELL.—On March 30, at the parish church of Guildford St Nicolas, CHARLES, son of Mr and Mrs STANLEY GRIMES, of Upton, Wirral, to JANE, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs JACK BOVELL, of Guildford.

HOBBS—HUTCHINGS. — On March 30, at Rotherwick Church, Rotherwick, JOHN MICHAEL HOBBS to SALLY ANN BALFOUR HUTCHINGS.

NEWTON—TOMPKINS.—On March 29, 1985, in Guildford, ROBERT STEPLE to ALISON.

PANOS—KNOWLES.—On April 1, 1985, in Madrid, PABLO PANOS, eldest son of Mr and Mrs PANOS, to MIRIAM SHIRAN KNOWLES, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Knowles.

WISDEN—ROBERTS.—On April 1, 1985, at Ashford, Capt. Jack Wisden to Michael Roberts (nee Farndell), Colonel of Chris, both of Walton-on-Thames.

SILVER WEDDINGS

FROST—HARDY.—On April 2, 1960, at St Paul's, Glenageary, Dublin, Lt-Col IAN Frost, of Dunsheane, to MAY Hardy, of Dartfield, Galway. Now at Hamilton-on-Thames. Deo gratias.

HARDING-JONES — MITCHENS.—On April 2, 1960, at Christchurch, Wanstead, DAVID to JUNE.

IVORY—PARSONS. — On April 2, 1960, at St Joseph's Church, Neath, Glam, PHILIP to MOYRA. Now at Disley, Cheshire.

MAY—HAWES.—On April 2, 1960, at St John's, Doncaster, GLYN to MARGARET. Now at 31, Marls Green, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

RICHARDSON—BOWSKILL. — On April 2, 1960, at St Stephen's Church, Westminster, JOHN to MARGARET.

WALKER—ARTHUR.—On April 2, 1960, at Fort Hall Church, Kenya, KENNETH to JANE. Now at Cambus O'May BS7 7EA.

RUBY WEDDINGS

ELLIS-JONES—MACLEAN. — On April 2, 1945, at Abbeys School, Tanganyika, DERYCK to FAY. Now at 555, Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe.

HALL—MATTERSON. — On April 2, 1945, at Holy Trinity Church, Lieut., Major, R.E., to EILEEN GEORGINA. *Present address, Little Ash,* Shirrell Heath, Stoggurs, Bridgwater, Somerset.

GOLDEN WEDDING

CAPPER—HUMPHREY.—On April 2, 1935, by Rev. Pat McCormick at St Martin-in-the-Fields, SIDNEY to BETTY. Now at 25, Albert Street, Exeter. Deo gratias.

DEATHS

ADAM. — On Friday, March 29, 1985, peacefully in the home of his son, Thomas, 11, Hinfield Avenue, Alconbury Weston, Huntingdon, Cambs, and formerly of Mombasa, Kenya, WILLIAM, aged 80 years, a dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral service on Wednesday, April 3, at 10 a.m., in Cambridge Crematorium Chapel.

ADLINGTON.—On March 31, after a brief and selfless fight against cancer, BRIAN SPENCER, beloved husband of Carolyn (nee Cawdry), father of Jocelyn and Francesca, son of Bob and the late Joan, and brother of Denis. Family flowers only. Slough Crematorium, Thursday, April 4, 4 p.m. Donations, if desired, in his name, to the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon.

ALDERSON.—On March 30, 1985, in hospital after a short illness, DOROTHY MARGARET, of Bramhall, Cheshire, dearest wife of Tom, much loved mother of Susan, grandmother of Kate and sister of Muriel. Service at Bramhall Parish Church on Thursday, April 4, at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation. Inquiries and flowers to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd., Brook Road, Cheadle, tel. 061-428 2057.

ANDERSON.—On March 31, 1985, suddenly at home, DONALD ANDERSON, M.A., F.C.A., aged 62 years, son of the late Dr and Mrs W. L. Anderson, of Bedford, dearly loved husband of Freda, and dear father of Susan, Caroline and John. Funeral service and interment at St Andrew's Church, Lower Bourne, on Thursday, April 4, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, please. Donations in aid of Christian Aid East African Fund may be sent c/o Charles Stephens, funeral directors, 215, Bellington Road, Rock Ferry, Merseyside.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BARKER-JONES. — On March 29, 1985, suddenly but peacefully, ELIZABETH ANN aged 75 years, dearest wife of Edward, mother of Vilmar and adored grandmother of David and Jane Small. Funeral to be held on Wednesday, April 3, 10.40 a.m., at The Chapel of Shrewsbury Cemetery. All friends welcome.

BARR.—On March 29, peacefully after a long illness, ELSIE, beloved wife of John Barr and mother of Sylvia and Philip. Letters to 16, Winchester Road, Worthing.

BARRATT.—On Saturday, March 30, suddenly in hospital, DAVID T. E. BARRATT, aged 56, of Plumpton, Middx, dearly loved husband of Daphne and father of Nicholas and Simon. Funeral service on Wednesday, April 10, at St Mary's Church, Hampton, Middx, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to Sanders Funeral Directors, Kew Road, Richmond.

BARTHELOT. — On March 30, in hospital, after a long illness, ELLEN (nee Tweddle), late of Bonsall, Derbyshire, widow of Thomas Barthelot, and much loved mother of Ruth and Rob. Service at St Mary the Virgin, Great Warley, on Thursday, April 4, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

BATESON.—On Sunday, March 31, 1985, at home in her sleep, KARENZA (nee Cowan), beloved wife of Alec, mother, grandmother and daughter. Funeral arrangements private. Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church, Welwyn, on Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m. Donations may be sent to The Injured Jockey's Fund, P.O. Box 9, Newmarket CB8 8JC.

BERNHARD.—On April 1, at home and after a long illness, RITA JOHANNA, beloved wife of Jack and mother of Richard, Stephen, Alix, wife Jenny and grandma of Alex and James. Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Arthur Road, Wimbledon, at 1.30 p.m., on Thursday, April 4. Family flowers, but donations to Motor Neurone Disease Association, 10-12 Priory Street, Northampton, NN1 2PY.

BONNER.—On March 29, suddenly at his home, Wimbledon Common, FRANK Max, aged 80, late of Orient Liners and Co., dearly loved husband of Jill and father of Paul.

BOULTON.—On March 30, 1985, suddenly in hospital, DAVID T. E., of Ramsbury, Wilts, dearly loved husband of Daphne, much loved father of Nicholas and Simon. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Hampton, Middx, on Wednesday, April 10, at 1.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Flowers may be sent to Sanders Funeral Directors, Kew Road, Richmond.

BOWDEN.—On March 29, 1985, Louis of Herm, Rose Anchor, Sourdeval, formerly of The Jolliffe Arms Garson, Dursley, dearly beloved husband of Mabel, loving father of Hilary Thurston, Church, Lord Medford, much loved grandfather. Funeral service Thursday, April 4, 2.15 p.m., at Dursley Church. Inquiries to H. Hawkes & Son, tel. Dursley 821455.

BOWN.—On Tuesday, March 19, 1985, in Great Barrington, Mass, formerly of Newburyport, CHRISTINE E. (Somerville), aged 42. She leaves a daughter, Sarah, a son, Adrian, her parents Edwin and Hilbert Somerville, and a brother, Theodore Somerville. Funeral was Thursday, at St James' Church, Great Barrington. Those who desire may make contributions in her memory to Hospice of Southern Berkshire Inc., 1 Pleasant Street, Pittsfield, Mass. 01201. Fairview Hospital, through the Stevens Fennerty Funeral Home, 416, Main Street, Great Barrington MA 01230.

BOWSER.—On March 29, 1985, at St Thomas' Hospital, after a long illness, BLYTH FOWLER BOWSER, aged 61 years, of Tanglewood, Beeches Lane, Great Warley, Essex, dearly loved husband of Suzette and devoted father of Sally and James and much loved grandfather of Helen and Georgina. Family funeral.

BRAID.—On March 28, 1985, peacefully at home in Hove, Sussex, FRANK SYDNEY, aged 78 years, retired Pharmacist, wife missed dearly. Loving memories. Funeral service at the Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton, Sussex, on Wednesday, April 10, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, regret, but if desired, donations may be sent for the Ambulance Amenities Fund, c/o Baker & Sons, 53 Station Road, Portslade, Sussex, tel. 0273 414849 (24 hours).

BROWN.—On March 31, 1985, peacefully at Rochester, MAURICE DONALD, dearly loved father of Jean and Shonagh, grandfather of Nick, Jon and Chris, Lucy, Susie, Ben and Tim. Funeral will take place on Thursday, April 4, at Nonton Church at 3.30 p.m. Any inquiries to D. Nicholls & Fisher-ton Salisbury, tel. 28966

BULL. — On April 1, peacefully, GLADYS KATHLEEN LINDLEY BULL, aged 78, of 86, Barnside, Whitworth, Rochdale, wife of the late Frederick Albert Bull, beloved mother and grandmother. Service at The Cliffesyke Crematorium, Limehouse, on Wednesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Cut flowers suitable for hospitals or donations for Help the Aged, may be sent to Wm. Bowker & Son, 58, Richmond Street, Rochdale.

BUTLER.—On March 31, 1985, at Exeter Crematorium, Topsham Road, Exeter, ROBERT ARTHUR, aged 83 years, husband of Peg, father of Marilyn and Jeremy, and grandfather of Jason. Funeral service on Thursday, April 4, at 9.15 a.m. Family flowers only by request. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o The Manager, Lloyds Bank, Exmouth.

BURNETT.—On March 30, peacefully in hospital, AUDREY CLARE, dearly loved wife of Wg Cdr R. G. BURNETT, mother of Diana and John, grandmother of Christopher, Clare, David, Gail and Lindsay. Service at Methodist Church, Emsworth, at 3.45 p.m., Thursday, April 4, followed by cremation at Chichester. Family flowers only to Wraight & Son, Emsworth.

BURRELL.—On March 30, 1985, at Cheltham Rest Manor, Doris Edith Dearle, formerly of Pinner, wife of the late Frederick Albert Burrell, beloved mother and grandmother. Service at The Cliffesyke Crematorium, Limehouse, on Wednesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Cut flowers suitable for hospitals or donations for Help the Aged, may be sent to Wm. Bowker & Son, 58, Richmond Street, Rochdale.

BUTLER.—On April 1, peacefully at home, JOHN ROBERT, of Cliff House, Pagnell, greatly missed husband of Enid Sarah, beloved by children and grandchildren. No flowers or letters, please. Donations to Cancer Research, Kanvas, Paignton.

CALDER.—On March 30, 1985, suddenly and peacefully, OLIVER EDWARD GILBERT *darling husband of Veronica*, of Manor Lea, Worthing. The funeral has taken place.

CALLEGE.—On March 31, 1985, EDITH KATE CALLEGE, M.B.E., aged 95 years, wife of the late Dr Hector Callege, mother of Dr Hector Callege. Cremation at Bath Crematorium on Tuesday, April 9, at 2.40 p.m. Family flowers only.

CARTER.—On March 29, after a short illness, DEREK, of Elm Hill, Shaftesbury, Dorset, much loved husband of Dodo, formerly of Salisbury on Thursday, April 4, at 11.50 a.m. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to Shaftesbury Memorial Hospital, Shaftesbury, may be sent to Brechin Brothers, Gillingham, Dorset, tel. 2494.

CARTER. — On March 29, 1985, suddenly in The District General Hospital, Gosport, His Honour Sir WILFRED KAYE CARTER, O.C., aged husband of the late Phyllis and father of Sally. Private cremation service to be held at Portsmouth Crematorium. A memorial service to be held in London at a later date.

CHALICE.—On March 30, 1985, peacefully at Hill House, Broadclyst, Exeter, FANNY EMILY, 10 years a resident, widow of John. Funeral service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday, April 4, at 12 noon.

CHARLESWORTH.—On March 29, peacefully at home, Torre, Thatcher Avenue, Torquay, R. NORMAN CHARLESWORTH, formerly of Lanhydrock, Cornwall, dearly loved husband of Elaine, loved and loving father and grandfather. Private cremation will take place, but a memorial service would please him.

CHAPLIN HALL.—On March 30, at Crowborough Hospital, Nora, aged 81, formerly of Tonbridge, much loved mother of Pamela and grandmother of Juliette and James. Flowers and inquiries to Paul Reeves, funeral director, tel. Crowborough 3000.

CLIFFORD. — On March 29, 1985, peacefully at Wiveliscombe Memorial Hospital, Henry, Ray, aged 68 years, of Ashbrittle, Somerset, dearly loved husband of Amy and a loving father and grandad. Funeral service at Ashbrittle Church on Thursday, April 4, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Thomas Grant, Funeral Director, Station Road, Wiveliscombe, tel. 23724.

CLOVER.—On March 30, peacefully at home after a short illness, ROSIE Richmond Kingsley Hospital, loving husband of Muriel, of Mill House, Mickley, Ripon, North Yorkshire, dearly loved father of Susan, Gillian and Jeremy. Service and cremation at St Nicholas Church, West Tanfield, Ripon, North Yorkshire, on Wednesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. Family flowers only.

CLIFF.—On March 29, suddenly in hospital, CYRIL, Penmenner Drive, Cadoc Bay, St Ives, Cornwall, beloved husband of Pat, loved father of Jo and Jennifer, Penna to Robert and Jonathan, funeral at the place on Tuesday, April 9, at 2.30 p.m., at St Ives Parish Church, Carbis Bay. Cremation at Penmenner Truro. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41, Eagle Street, London, W.C.1.

COLLINS.—On March 29, 1985, Louis of Herm, Rose Anchor, Sourdeval, formerly of, The Jolliffe Arms Garson, Dursley, dearly beloved husband of Mabel, loving father of Hilary Thurston, much loved grandfather. Funeral service on Wednesday, April 10, at St Mary's Church, Hampton, Middx, at 1.45 p.m., followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium, 3.15 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Stroke Association, 123, Whitecross Street, London.

COLLINS. — On March 30, 1985, in Great Barrington, Mass, formerly of Newburyport, CHRISTINE E. (Somerville), aged 42. She leaves a daughter, Sarah, a son, Adrian, her parents Edwin and Hilbert Somerville, and a brother, Theodore Somerville. Funeral was Thursday, at St James' Church, Great Barrington. Those who desire may make contributions in her memory to Hospice of Southern Berkshire Inc., 1 Pleasant Street, Pittsfield, Mass. 01201. Fairview Hospital, through the Stevens Fennerty Funeral Home, 416, Main Street, Great Barrington MA 01230.

COLLINS. — On March 29, 1985, at Newbridge, Isle of Wight, ELEANOR, the beloved wife of P.R. and beloved mother of Daphne, John and Jim, and devoted mama. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Petts Wood, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 9, followed by cremation at Downs Crematorium, Sutton.

COOPER.—On March 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital, after a long illness, ALBERT of The Vanguard, Stamford Hill, Bexhill, Sussex, much loved husband of Doris and father of Denis and Stephen. Cremation at Hawkes, on Thursday, April 4, at 10.40 a.m. Family flowers only, please.

CORFIELD.—On March 28, suddenly but peacefully at Redhill Hospital, Phyllis Margaret Corfield (nee Armstrong), M.B., B.S., (Durham), aged 75 years, loving wife of the late C. R. Corfield, F.R.I.B.A., and much loved mother of Anne, Isobel and Helen, of Western Terrace, Falmouth. Funeral at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, at 2.40 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. In Tealaway Chapel, Downtown, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, St. Austell, Cornwall.

COURTIER. — On March 30, 1985, peacefully in his own home at Shorncliffe, CROXLEY GREEN, HERBERT, aged 78, spiritual to his devoted late wife Christine, sadly missed as dearly loved and respected father and godfather, best wishes and memories. No funeral. Donations, if desired, to West Sussex Mumps Association, Storrington, Sussex. Tel. 0903 746 (24 hrs). Wise Homes, Horse Common, Thakeham, West Sussex.

CURWELL. — On March 30, peacefully in hospital, in her 101st year, JULIA ELLEN (nee Tweddle), late of Bonsall, Derbyshire, Stubbington, and Tongham, widow of Thomas Wering, retired Education Officer, much loved mother of Mrs Cunard Lee, much loved mother of Bill and Alan, sadly missed by daughters-in-law Jean and Selma and many grandchildren. Cremation Aldershot, Thursday, April 4, 2 p.m.

DALRYMPLE.—On March 30, at Farnham Hospital, HAROLD ROBERT aged 83 years, husband of Dorothy, father of Gordon and Joyce. Funeral service at St Thomas-on-the-Bourne Church, Farnham, on Thursday, April 4, at 12.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Research Fund, c/o Chemistry Department, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, London, W.12.

DAVY.—On April 1, 1985, peacefully at home, Lyne Orchard, Coombe, Farnham, Surrey, EDWARD CAMPBELL LACY DAVY, D.S.O., R.N., (Ret'd), dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Puttenham, on Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m.

DE SAUMAREZ.—On March 30, peacefully in Guernsey, GWENDOLINE MAY (Max), aged 80, late of Orient Liner Co., dearly loved husband of Jill and father of Paul.

DIXON-DIDIER.—On March 30, suddenly in Singapore, Major FRANCIS D.D., Royal Hampshires, R.A. Much *much loved husband of Brenda, father of Amanda.* Cremation at Mandai, Singapore.

DONALDSON.—On March 27, 1985, suddenly but peacefully at home, Grange Corner, Lone Melford, GRAHAM CHARLES, adored husband of Sally, Forest Lodge, Lone Melford, much loved father of Richard and Robert, much loved grandfather. Funeral service Thursday, April 4, at 2.15 p.m., at Dunster Church, Lone Melford, followed by cremation at Colchester Crematorium, 3.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations if desired to Stroke Heart Foundation, London.

DUPUY.—On March 30, 1985, RONALD WILLIAM, CAPTN. (RETD.), aged 74 years, of Fenton-on-Sea, Sussex. Donations if desired to The Cystic Fibrosis Association for Cystic Fibrosis, Worthing (09031 46218).

ELBOURNE.—On March 28, suddenly but bravely, HELEN ELIZABETH, widow of Joe and mother of Dick and Godfrey (deceased). Funeral private. Family flowers only. Please, no letters.

ELLIOTT.—On March 31, peacefully in hospital, DAPHNE MONICA, aged 59, darling wife of P.R. and beloved mother of Stephen, John and Jim, and devoted mama. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Petts Wood, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 9, followed by cremation at Downs Crematorium, Sutton.

ENGLISH. — On March 29, 1985, peacefully at his Greenford home, CYRIL JAMES, aged 78 years, husband of Kitty and father of Carole and Keith. Funeral at Ruislip Crematorium, on April 11 at 10.15 a.m. Donations if desired to The Heart Fund.

FAREWELL.—On March 30, 1985, peacefully, GRACE DELAWARE, aged 94 years, widow of Frank Farewell, late of Ashdown Forest. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday, April 4, at 10 a.m. Inquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd., Broadwater, Worthing, tel. 34531 (24 hrs).

FORREST.—On March 30, 1985, in a Bridlington hospital, HERMAN GEORGE GUY (HERBERT) FORREST, (Bishop), LL.D., R.D.I., M.B.E., aged 94 years, of 20, Wellington Road, Bridlington, dearly loved husband of Elsie May, loving father of Margaret, Anna, Frances, Peter and Christopher, dear father-in-law of Wilfrid and a dear grandfather and great-grandfather. Service and cremation at Scarborough Crematorium on Wednesday, April 10, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Wm. Hall & Son, Bridlington.

GILL. — On April 1, peacefully, GLADYS KATHLEEN LINDLEY BELL, aged 78, of 86, Barnside, Whitworth, Rochdale, wife of the late Frederick Albert Bell, beloved mother and grandmother. Service at The Cliffesyke Crematorium, Limehouse, on Wednesday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Cut flowers suitable for hospitals or donations for Help the Aged, may be sent to Wm. Bowker & Son, 58, Richmond Street, Rochdale.

GITTERWORTH. — On Saturday, March 30, 1985, following a stroke, Dr FREDERICK GITTERWORTH, O.B.E., aged 80 years, husband of the late Isabella, much loved by his daughters Penelope and Rosemund and their families. Funeral service at Weymouth Crematorium on Wednesday, April 3 at 2.30 p.m., Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41, Eagle Street, London, W.C.1.

GODFREY.—On March 30, 1985, suddenly in hospital, MARIE ELIZABETH (Mollie), dearly beloved wife of the late Richard and mother of Bernard and Peter. Funeral at Slapton Parish Church, Devon, on Thursday, April 4, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to the League of Friends of Woman's Hospital, c/o Messrs. Parkhouse & Son, Lamb Street, Coventry.

GOOLD. — On March 30, at Mill Mead Nursing Home, Fairlee, Ryde, I.o.W., after a prolonged and painful illness, borne with courage, outward calm and dignity, PATRICIA Anne (nee Williamson), aged 51, greatly beloved wife of Richard of Ballycotton, Co. Cork, Sheepfall Road, Ventnor, I.o.W., and much loved sister-in-law to George, Nicki and Kristin. Funeral service at St Catherine's Parish Church at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, followed by interment in Ventnor Cemetery. No mourning, but if so desired, inquiries to Penny Farthing Funeral Directors, Ventnor (0983) 852028.

GREENBURGH. — On March 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ELEANOR, the beloved wife of the late HERBERT LEO GREENBURGH, and dear mother of Alix and Simon. Requiem Mass at Jesuit International, Farm Street, on Wednesday, April 10, at 10.45 a.m. Cremation following at Thornton. No flowers by request. Donations, please, to Jesuit International or Save the Children Fund.

GREENBURGH. — On March 30, at his home in Plymouth, after a long illness, Dr HARRY GREENBURGH, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Edin), dearly beloved husband of Helene.

GRENSTEAD.—On March 30, 1985, peacefully at the Pilgrim's Hospice, Canterbury, after a long illness bravely borne, MARY CORKLAND, aged 65 years, of Tolleshunt, a dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Pilgrim's Hospice, 56, London Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 8LF, will be acknowledged. Funeral inquiries to 0303 55176.

GROVES. — On March 29, 1985, Edith Mary loved and loving husband of Douglas, beloved father of Mary, dear father-in-law of Andrew, adoring grandpa of Robert, Sophie and Harriet. Cremation private. Remembrance service at St. Mary's Church, Long Crendon, Bucks, at 3 p.m. 2 pm Tuesday, April 9.

GWYNFE-EVANS.—On March 31, peacefully in hospital, BETTY, much loved wife of Taffy, sadly missed by all family and friends. Family service in Penzance. Memorial service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, on Tuesday, April 23, at 2.30 p.m.

HALE.—On March 30, 1985, passed away at home after a long illness, MALCOLM GEORGE (Mike), of Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, formerly of Ringwood, Hants. Funeral service and cremation, Thursday, April 4, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Cancer Research, c/o N. Taylor & Son, The Funeral Home, Devonshire Square, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. Tel. 3754161.

HALSALL.—On March 27, suddenly, at Selsey, MARGARET (Peggy), Scott Christopher, sister of Peter and Margaret and the late Jack Halsall, formerly of Drury Principal Tyler Hill College. Funeral at St John's Church, Sidley, on Tuesday, April 9, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Gifts, if desired, for RNID Donations, if desired, to the League of Friends of Woman's Hospital, c/o Messrs. Parkhouse & Son, Lamb Street, Coventry.

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HARDING.—On March 31, 1985, at South Newton, Mabel Agnes Pearman, widow of Lieut R. A.C. Harding, of Berwick Manor, Dinton, Salisbury. Memorial service at St Mary's Church, Dinton, on Tuesday, April 16, at 11.30 a.m.

HARVEY.—On March 30, peacefully in Dereham Hospital, NORAH KATHERINE, aged 91 years, widow of OTTO F. HARVEY, of Swaffham, Norfolk. Funeral at Swaffham Church, Norfolk, on Monday, Thursday, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Church of England Children's Society.

HAYNES.—On Saturday, March 30, 1985, tragically, owing to a car accident in Canberra, Australia, DAVID Keeper of Harcourt, Old Farm, Fraze, Truro, Cornwall. Funeral arrangements later.

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STRIKING DANES CLASH WITH RIOT POLICE

By JULIAN ISHERWOOD in Copenhagen

RIOT police were called in to quash violent demonstrations in Denmark yesterday after skirmishes developed between workers and the police in at least two major cities.

Demonstrators, using sentry boxes as battering rams, stormed the doors of Parliament in Copenhagen before being repulsed by police with truncheons. Fifteen people were arrested.

Demonstrations took place *in at least five cities country*-wide to complain at Government legislation stopping week-long strikes and lock-outs in the private sector.

Demonstrators in Copenhagen and Odense refused to leave town hall squares peacefully after their demonstrations had officially ended.

Six policemen were known to have been injured in the clashes.

Austerity package

Mr Erik Ninn-Hansen, Justice Minister, said on Danish radio that people had a right to demonstrate, but storming Parliament was clearly illegal. "We must protect ourselves against a repetition and we shall do so," he said.

Hundreds of thousands of Danish workers disobeyed government legislation in demonstrations and wild-cat strikes called to protest against the wage and austerity package passed through parliament Saturday.

More than 60,000 workers packed Parliament Square in Copenhaen while demonstrations and strikes in the provinces affected a further half million workers according to union and management figures.

Day-Care centres closed, hospital nurses and porters went home, city bus traffic ground to a halt, ferries remained in harbour and heavy industry remained idle as unions defied the parliamentary order to return to work.

About 300,000 private sector workers have either been on strike or locked out for eight days since the March 20 breakdown of union-management negotiations on a new two-year wage contract.

One-hour cut

Despite government legislation, passed by an 82-80 majority on Saturday, forcing a mandatory wage settlement and return to work on the parties, unions refused yesterday to go back to work.

Instead they called for mass demonstrations and walkouts to show their distaste at the mandatory settlement, which provides for a one-hour cut in the 40-hour working week and a two per cent. wage-rise ceiling.

The strikes, which are expected to end today, included sectors not previously affected by the private sector stoppage.

About 600 firms and factories reported stoppages yesterday to the Employers' Association.

Dustmen and postmen in main cities throughout the country went home as did many office workers, despite threats by the Employers' Association that it would file suits in the National Labour Court against wildcat strikers.

Under Denmark's stringent labour laws, unions and individuals carrying out wildcat strikes are liable for heavy fines.

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TEACHERS IN DAY STRIKE

Around 28,000 Scottish secondary teachers are to go on strike the day before crucial examinations, in support of a pay dispute.

The one-day strike on April 24 by the Educational Institute of Scotland, the biggest teaching union, and the Scottish Secondary School Teachers' Association is likely to affect 400,000 pupils, som eof whom will be sitting Scottish Certificate of Education Highers and O-grades the next day.

2 WELSH PORTS SEEK JOB CUTS

Associated British Ports is calling for 100 voluntary redundancies in Cardiff and 36 in Swansea as financial problems mount. The two ports currently employ nearly 1,000.

Br Bill Binding, a district officer for the Transport and General Workers Union in Cardiff said the cutbacks would be fought.

PRIEST KILLED

A Dutch Jesuit priest, Nicholas Kluiters, 43, who vanished in eastern Lebanon's Bekaa valley on March 14, was found killed yesterday near a village north of Baalbek.—Reuter.

HORSES KILLED

Three racehorses were electrocuted at a Toronto track when their exercise walking machine malfunctioned.

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Soccer drinks ban

involvement was welcomed by Mr Ted Croker, secretary of the Football Association.

"The Prime Minister has a habit of getting things done when she gets involved in them. She has made it clear she is looking at the Football Association and Ministers to do something about it," he said.

But the Government and football authorities are likely *to clash over the proposed introduction* of identity cards for football supporters.

Mr Bert Millichip, chairman of the F.A, said Mrs Thatcher was very insistent on the cards, despite the difficulties raised by the football authorities.

But he added: "I think she will be disappointed."

Mr Croker said that membership schemes had been tried before and proved unworkable.

Identity cards would deter casual football followers, estimated at 46 per cent. of spectators, from attending game.

And the proposed ban on alcohol was condemned by Mr Peter Swales, chairman of Manchester City and an F A councillor, who said it would take away *revenue from clubs*, several of whom are sponsored by breweries.

Mr Ernie Clay, chairman of Fulham, sponsored by William Younger, said that if the Government wanted football to introduce expensive measures *then it should give it some of* the £200 million a year it receives from the football pools.